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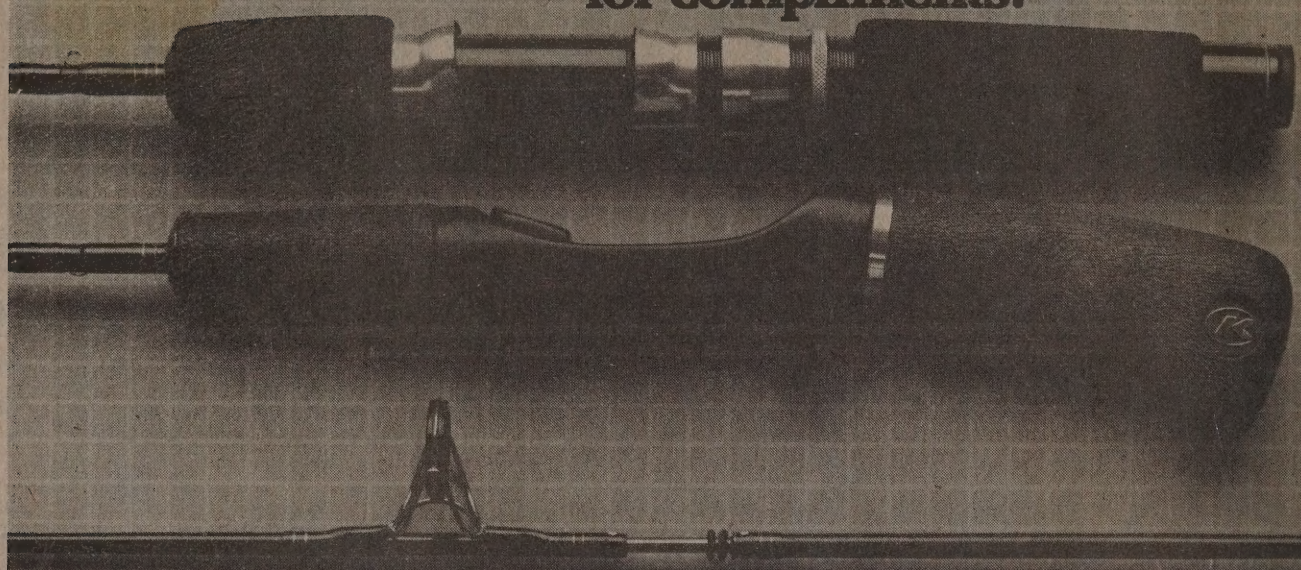

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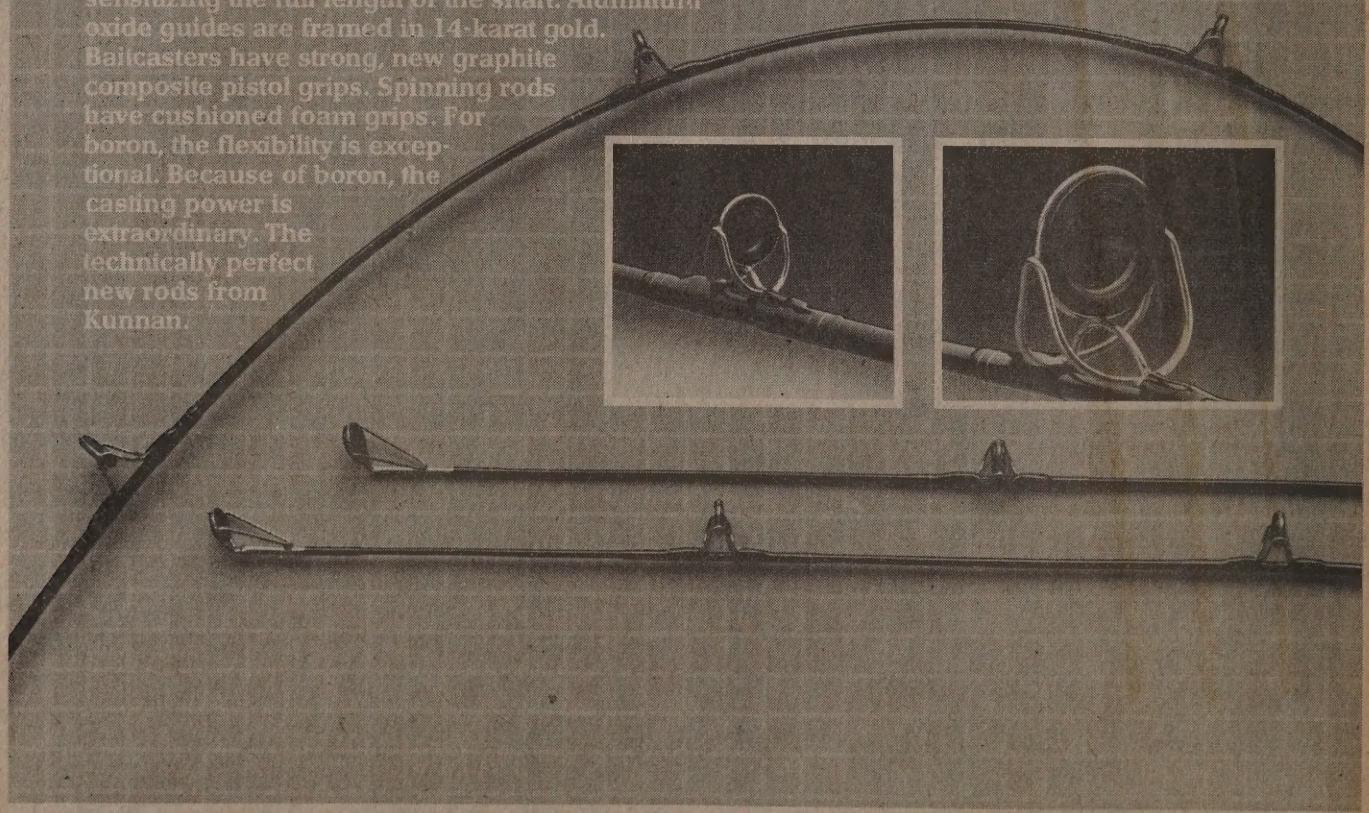

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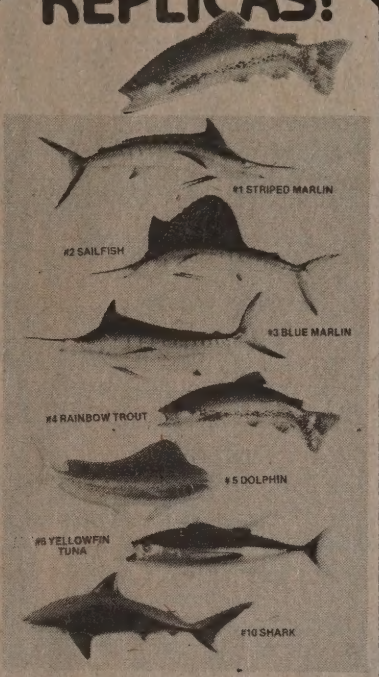

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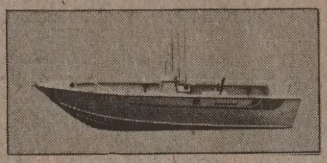

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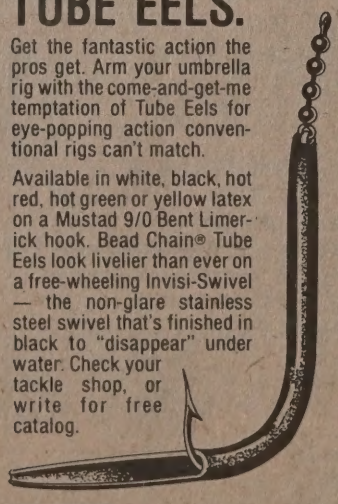

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EDITORIAL

SEACOAST TO CEASE FISHING ATLANTIC FOR UP TO TWO YEARS

In a surprise statement made at a news conference held in Port Monmouth, New Jersey on March 26, 1982, Robert W. Smith, President of Seacoast Products, stated the company's intention to shift its six New Jersey-based vessels to the Gulf of Mexico. In discussions with officials of the company which harvests menhaden, or bunker, in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, we learned that only the processing plant in New Jersey will be shut down and that the main administrative offices will continue to operate out of Port Monmouth, New Jersey.

Seacoast's Ray Richardson indicated to me that there were several reasons for the decision. First, Seacoast does not believe that a recently developed management plan for menhaden goes far enough in attempting to manage the species. Specifically, Seacoast has been disappointed with the failure of North Carolina to regulate its fishery in order to reduce devastating harvests of younger fish called "peanuts." The position of Seacoast relative to the management of bunker appears to be a reversal from previous attitudes. Certainly this reporter did not absorb any indication of current feelings last April when I met with Seacoast officials. At that time, they made no statements about the need for stricter management and refused to concede that the fish, especially "peanuts" were being over-harvested. At that meeting we asked them to voluntarily limit the size and season of their harvests in Long Island Sound and they refused.

In his prepared statement on Friday, Mr. Smith said, "Events in North Carolina this fall, where record numbers of baby fish were killed, and recent indications of an unwillingness by that state to make changes in this devastating practice has convinced us that a highly migratory fish like Menhaden cannot be managed through the voluntary cooperation of the states." The failure of voluntary cooperation has motivated Seacoast to cease its Atlantic Ocean harvest of larger fish as a means of both saving some of the stocks for reproduction and setting an example for other states and other operators. This second reason for shutting down the New Jersey plant will hopefully put pressure on the states to take further and perhaps more meaningful action to manage the resource.

We believe a third reason exists, although Seacoast officials did not specifically indicate this to us. We have reason to believe that the growing recession, coupled with declining stocks and increasing pressure from sportsmen's groups along the Coast, has forced Seacoast into cutbacks in operation in order to consolidate costs and improve the cost efficiency of their operations.

The Long Island Fisherman believes that this two-year hiatus will provide an excellent opportunity for New York State to gather data on the effects of this decision on Long Island Sound recreational fishing. However, we need to be cautious about this announcement since there are still several independent operators in New York State and two vessels in Rhode Island. Clearly, the problem is not going to go away because of this decision, but we hope there will be significant improvement. The data that we urge the DEC to gather will provide evidence of the importance of large schools of menhaden in Long Island Sound waters for the vitality of the recreational fishing industry in New York State.

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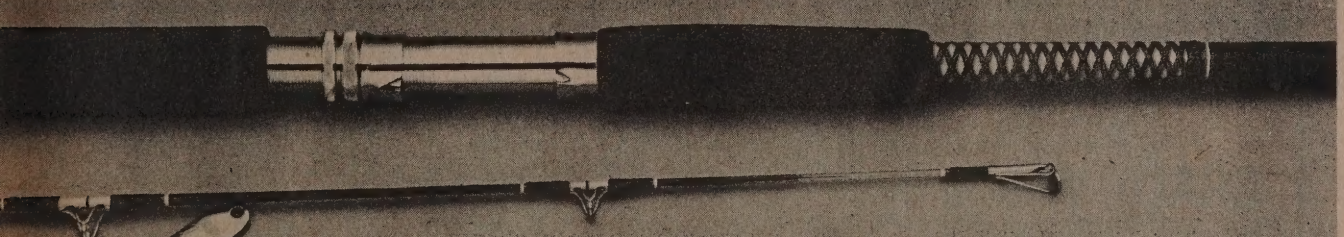

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The place: Freeport Recreation Center, Merrick Rd., Freeport. Cost: $25 for the complete course. Pre-registration required at Sea Isle Sports, Freeport. Contact Ron Feuring, (516) 868-8855 or (516) 868-8898. All instructional materials will be furnished.

Classes will be run by knowledgeable members of F.T.C. and limited to the first 50 to register. Sign up and meet new fishing buddies.

KREH & JORGENSEN AT ANGLER'S RUFF

On Saturday, April 17th, both Lefty Kreh and Poul Jorgensen will appear in person at "Angler's Ruff" in Glen Head, New York. Lefty, world renown fisherman, photographer, and author, will be giving casting and knot tying demonstrations. Poul, artist, author and master fly tyer, will be giving fly tying demonstrations. The hours on Saturday are from 10AM to 6PM.

On Sunday, April 18th, Mr. Jorgensen will be joining us for a second day of fly tying demonstrations from 11AM to 6PM. All are invited, and admission is free.

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During a chartered fishing trip on Saturday, April 17th, out of Greenport, members of the Jackson Heights Anglers, Inc., will hold a service for recently departed member, Emil Bachstadt. After scattering his ashes and a floral display over the waters of Long Island Sound, President Al Schnoor shall conduct services written by Secretary George Rambousek.

MERRICK ROD & GUN CLUB FETES '81 CONTEST WINNERS

The following Merrick Rod & Gun Club members received 1981 awards at the annual Installation Dinner-Dance:

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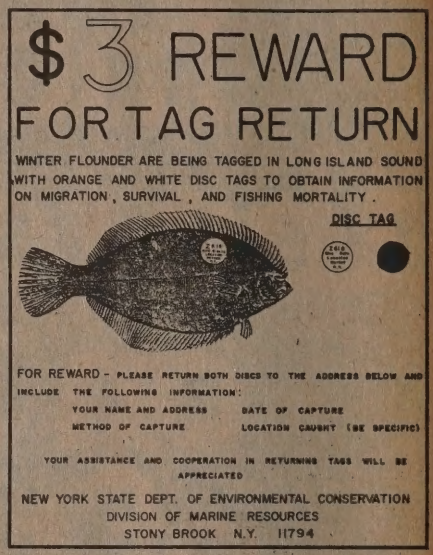
Weakfish: Kevin Meehan
Blackfish: B. Luther & K. Meehan
Bluefish: Joe Rostkowski
Blue Shark: Ed Curtis
Tuna: Ed Curtis
Delaware River Float Trip: Paul Kimbley.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Please return tags promptly to reduce the chances of lost information.

For additional information, please call (516) 751-7900, extension 326.

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The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 19-3, Kings Park, will ofer a 12-lesson course in boating safety and seamanship starting on Tuesday, April 27, 1982, at Kings Park Senior High School, Lawrence Road and Rte. 25A, from 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays.

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The Club would also like to thank Mr. Danny Pinchney for coming down to our March meeting. We would also like to thank his assistants, Mr. Charlie Kay and Mr. Pete Hess for sharing their expertise with us.

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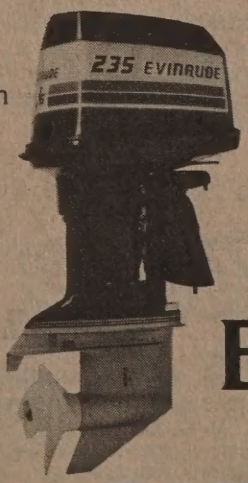

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The Moriches Anglers announced the winners of their Anglers of the Year awards and the trophy fish at their March meeting.

The results were as follows: John Kudreyko, 5256 pts; Tom Cashman, 5078 pts., and Paul Trovitch, 4719 pts.

WINNING FISH:
Bluefish: Paul Trovitch, 18.13
Flounder: Gil Rinderman, 2.0
Fluke: Paul Trovitch, 2.12
Mako shark: Lou Pastore, 253.8
Striped bass: Doug Kaloski, 45.3
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To help both amateurs and pros learn more about fishing their local waters, some 700 Sears stores have "flip" books dividing the U.S. into 10 regions and listing the Gamefisher rods and reels appropriate to each.

The books show the fish found in each area, the best methods (trolling, casting, pier, stillfishing, surfcasting) and proper line test. Full-color pictures of the tackle come with such information as gear ratio, weight and line capacity for reels, and length and hardware for rods.

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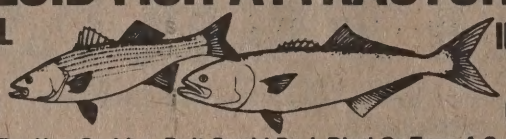

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It used to be when you started a novice fishing that the angler's first purchase would have been a simple, practically fumble-free closed-face spincast outfit.

Daiwa's new Magforce (TM) magnetic anti-backlash control just may change some thinking along those lines. And the reason it may is that Magforce virtually eliminates what used to be the main objection of use of a baitcasting reel by a beginner—that most detested of all casting problems commonly known as the "backlash."

One Daiwa executive, knowing that Magforce was under development, intentionally delayed teaching his 15-year-old son the rudiments of baitcasting until the product came into production.

The youngster's progress was nothing short of sensational. Only one lesson was needed to teach him how to thumb a reel well enough to cast 80 feet—without backlashes. His comment to his dad at the end of the session was: "Gee—that's easy! How come you didn't teach me how to do this before?"

Magforce-equipped reels come in two sizes in Daiwa's Procaster Lite series. The model PMF-1000 is a narrow-spool model that's just right for most bass fishing. The wider spool model PMF-1500 holds enough line for light steelhead fishing.

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—THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE—

TANGY FLOUNDER FILET

by Eileen Regina

Every so often we get a letter from one of our readers, usually asking Andy about some fishing advice or asking me for a recipe. We try our best to answer each letter as quickly and as honestly as we possibly can, and are happy to be able to help any of our Long Island Fisherman readers. At times, this can prove to be a difficult task, but it has not ever proven to be an impossible one, and we both get a great deal of pleasure out of hearing from our unseen, but highly appreciated followers. So, whenever I see my chubby companion browsing through his McClane's Fishing Encyclopedia, I know that he is searching for some information to relay to one of his readers. He does this because he wants to be doubly certain that any information he relates will be 100% accurate. By the same token, Andy can tell whenever I am pursuing the same path by the way I search through my cookbooks.

Being almost human, we also delight in receiving complimentary letters, which happens occasionally, providing an ego trip that cannot be duplicated readily. And both of us also get some real good fish and seafood recipes from our readers, recipes that we like to pass on to the rest of our readers whenever possible. Today's recipe is such an item. Andy received it from Captain John Bilitsky, Jr., of Sea Ranger Marine Charter Service at Captree. We tried this recipe several times and highly recommend it to everyone interested in some darned good eating.

INGREDIENTS (Serves 4):

2 lbs. fresh fillets
2 tbs. sweet butter
3 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tbs. fresh parsley, chopped
1 small onion, chopped fine
2 oz. fresh lemon juice
2 oz. Sauterne wine
salt & pepper to taste
****Also needed are olive oil and either flour or Italian flavored bread crumbs; however, specific amounts are variable, so use your own judgement and common sense here.**

Place enough olive oil in fry pan to cover bottom of pan and heat on medium to low flame. When oil is hot enough, fry garlic until it is golden brown. To determine correct oil heat, drop in tiny piece of chopped garlic till it sizzles. Remove and discard browned garlic and add butter to the pan. Flour or bread fish fillets and fry till golden brown, then turn fillets over and brown second side, adding onion and parsley during the process. When onion gets browned, the fish fillets should be ready also. Add lemon juice and wine to pan and simmer fish for one minute, then remove fillets to platter and serve immediately, piping-hot and garnished with sprigs of fresh parsley and wedges of lemon. Serve with French fries, creamed corn, and fresh broccoli spears, complemented by a tossed green salad and a glass of chilled but not ice cold Chablis. Top the evening off with fresh-brewed coffee and a snifter of brandy.

Although flounder are mentioned here, fillets can be any fish of your choice. Some others that lend well to this recipe are fluke, weakfish, striped bass, or cod. The versatility of this recipe allows for many variations, all based on your individual ingenuity, daring, or resourcefulness. For instance, if you add tomato sauce to the final minute or two of the simmering, you can serve your fillets Italian style, with spaghetti or linguine and some hot garlic bread, a salad made with wine vinegar and oil dressing, Chianti instead of Chablis, and cappuchino and anisette instead of coffee and brandy. In this case we must insist that the fillets be breaded with Italian flavored bread crumbs, instead of flour.

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HUDSON RIVER FOR SPRING ACTION:

BAITS TAKE BIGGER BASS

Part Two—*by Pete Barrett*

We all like to catch big fish. Catching schoolies on plugs or bucktails is fun, but every once in awhile, we take a break from the light tackle bass fishing the spring offers to us in the Hudson and we head our canoe up the Croton River to dart some herring.

With a half dozen or more lively herring swimming in the aerated tank we duck our heads to creep under the Croton railroad bridge and rig up to fish these live beauties in the deep hole only a few feet from that bridge.

Live herring can be deadly on larger bass in Croton. My largest river fish was caught on a herring fished in that hole and it weighed 29 lbs. Fishing a live shiner when he couldn't get a herring, Don Abrams of Nyack landed his largest River bass, a brute of 32 lbs. taken from right in the middle of the Bay. Another friend is still waiting to crack the 30 lb. mark in the river (like most of us), yet he has taken 14 bass over 20 lbs. in the last five years!

There are several places that are ideal for fishing live bait because they offer good structure for fish to hold on, or migrate to. Croton Bay is already mentioned as holding numbers of bass. The best spots are in a shallow basin right in the center of the Bay, along the sandy spit called Crawbuckie Beach and in the deep hole at the bridge. At the mouth of the Bay at Teller's Point, there is a good tide rip that forms at the end of the outgoing and this spot oftens holds bass for an hour or more before they head to the deeper water in the channel.

On the north side of Croton Point near the Penn Central railroad yard, there is a cove that tucks into a spot called Senesqua Beach (a launch ramp is located here) and this spot, too, gives up a few bigger bass each April and May.

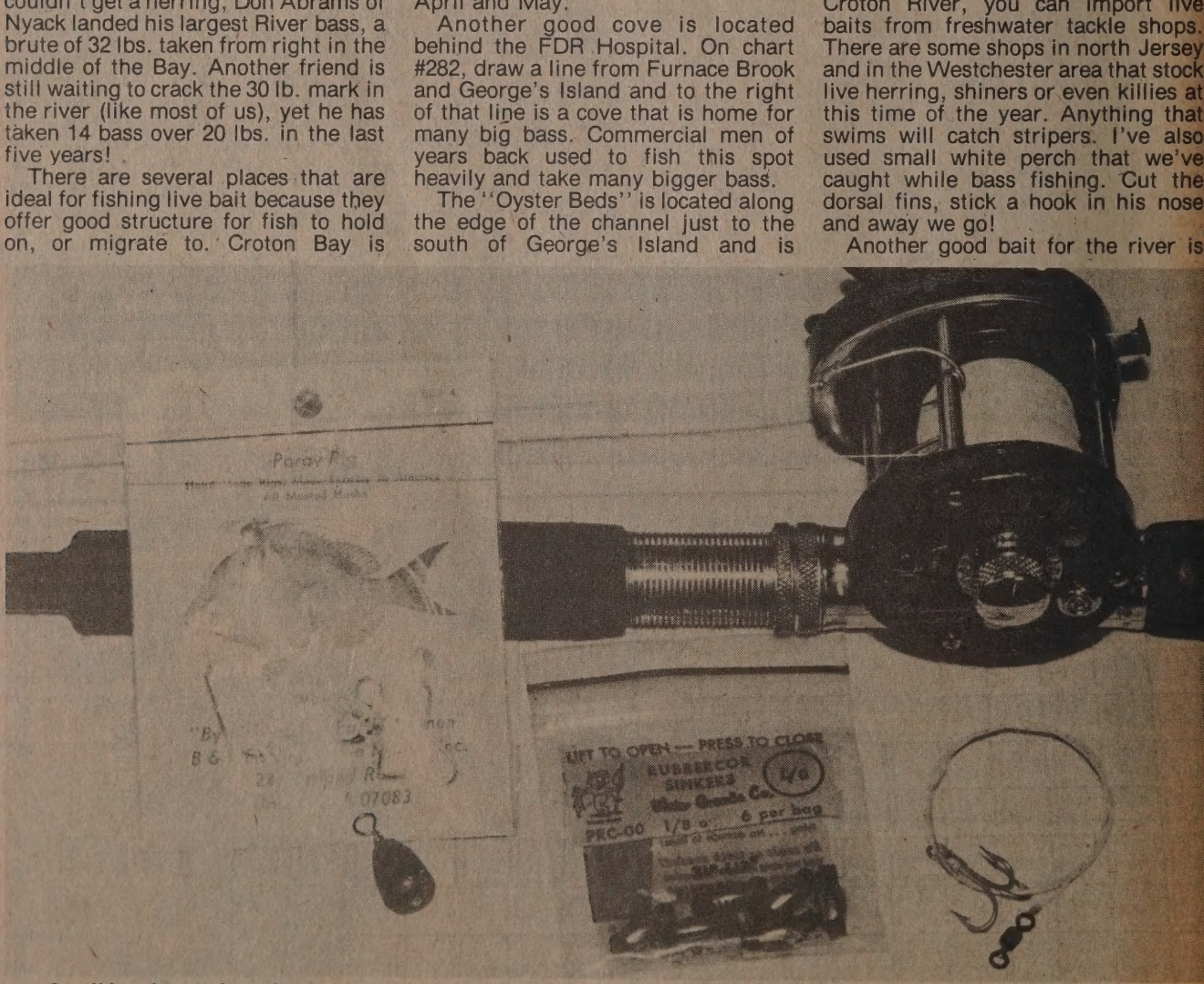
Another good cove is located behind the FDR Hospital. On chart #282, draw a line from Furnace Brook and George's Island and to the right of that line is a cove that is home for many big bass. Commercial men of years back used to fish this spot heavily and take many bigger bass.

The "Oyster Beds" is located along the edge of the channel just to the south of George's Island and is another traditional hotspot for bass. This is deep water fishing, strictly dropping a bait down to the bottom and waiting for some action. Fishing the coves is shallower water and you can cast plugs while waiting for a runoff.

The diagram shows the rig I've used for river bass. It is really a miniature bunker dunkin' rig just like we use off the coast. Since the bass are often lethargic after spending the winter in a dormant state in deep water, they can be hard to hook with a single hook rig. I've opted for the treble and have had no problems with it.

If you don't want to dart herring in Croton River, you can import live baits from freshwater tackle shops. There are some shops in north Jersey and in the Westchester area that stock live herring, shiners or even killies at this time of the year. Anything that swims will catch stripers. I've also used small white perch that we've caught while bass fishing. Cut the dorsal fins, stick a hook in his nose and away we go!

Another good bait for the river is



Small herring and sandworms may fool bigger bass, so tackle to handle fish to 20 lbs. is suggested. Porgy rig is fine for small bass and white perch. Small treble is for live herring.

sand or blood worms. Some guys swear by the bloods, yet I've never had a problem with the sandworms catching fish. I've tried a ham n' eggs kind of bait combination that uses a sandworm and small strip of squid for added smell and it has worked well.

When fishing deep water like in the hole, or at the Oyster Beds, we'll hold the rod and reel to feel the slightest pick-up of a bass. If you are drifting in shallow water, many fishermen will cast the worm rig behind the drift allowing the worm to swim seductively in the drift while the fishermen cast plugs or bucktails into the drift. You can cover a lot of water this way, giving the fish a wide choice of dinners.

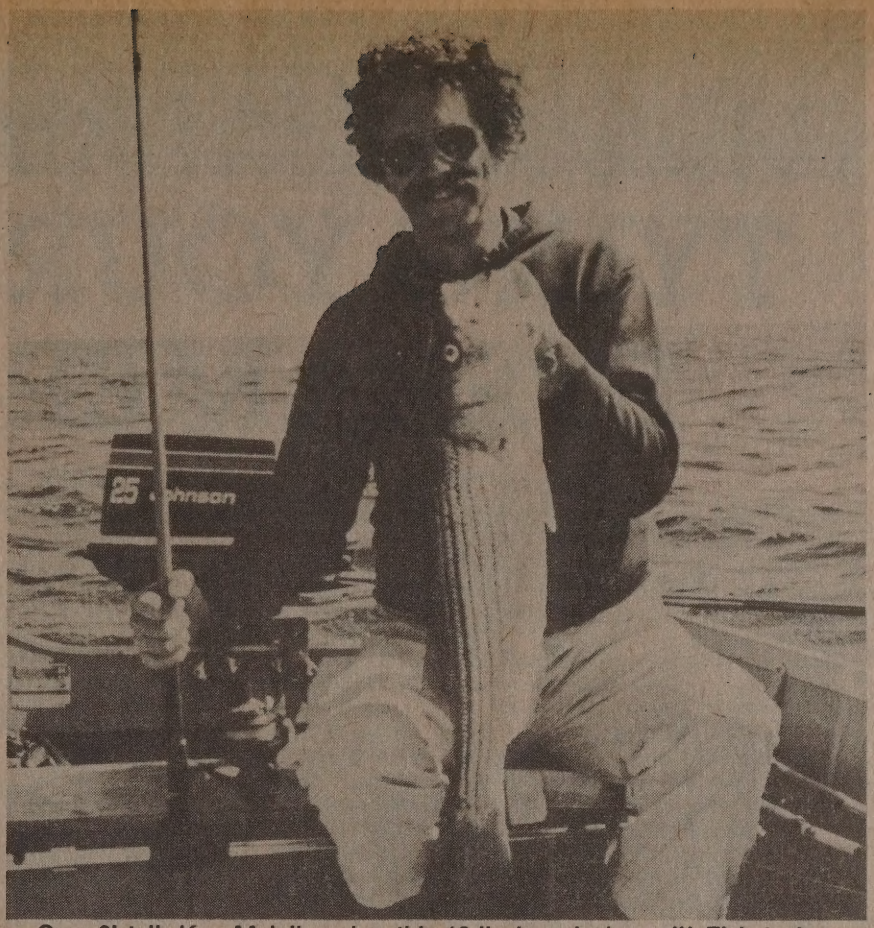
Because you never know ahead of time what size fish might take the baits, I prefer to fish slightly heavier tackle than the very light tackle spinning gear used for plugging in the river. A reel like the Shakespeare 1984, Shimano Bantam 400, Daiwa Millionaire or Penn 940 is ideal for this type of fishing; 14 to 20 lb. line is adequate. Worming hooks should be sized from 1/0 to 3/0 and trebles for nose hooking the herring should be size 1 or 1/0

Some days the bass will only look at a sand or bloodworm leaving the plugger or fly rodder with a sore arm and no fish. I always bring along at least two dozen worms when I fish the River as a worthwhile insurance policy. There have been many mornings or nights when those worms become worth their weight in gold!

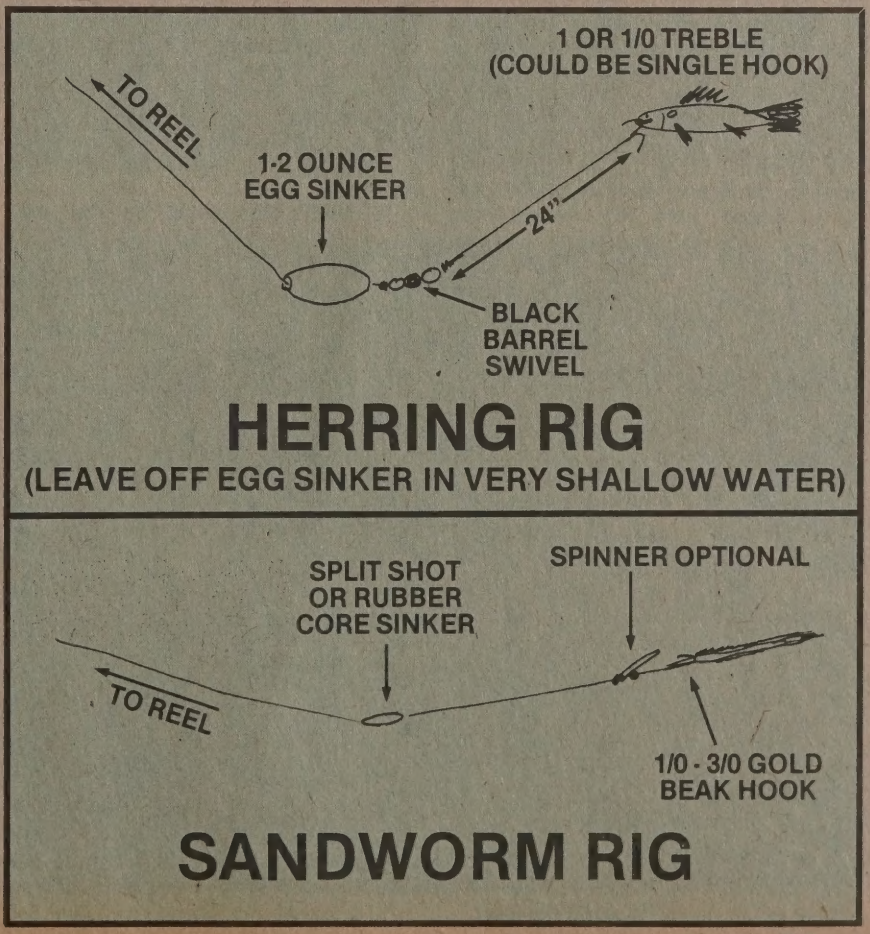
Fishing with herring or other live baits can be an "iffy" thing. If the bass are moving up on a flat into a cove at the top of the tide, the action can be dramatic. Some days It just isn't very good at all. If I've had no action all through the last of the incoming, through the slack and down into the falling tide, I'll switch tactics and move back into Croton Bay and troll or drift the shallower bay which is consistently productive. You can fish the live herring on the up-drift side of the boat while you plug the down side.

The Hudson is a unique place for striped bass. For whatever reasons and known only to the striped bass himself, the river has had good to excellent spawning over the last decade and the numbers of bass in the river each spring are way beyond what we can really comprehend. Biologists tell us the river holds "millions" of bass. That's hard to picture in my mind, but I sure love the feel of a hudson bass at the end of rod and reel!

If you are one of the many fishermen who have read of the great potential of the Hudson striper fishery each spring, but never took the time to try it, then this may be your year. I don't think you will be disappointed if you take two or three trips to get to know the best spots and visit a local tackle shop like Richie Ferris' place in Croton or George Graf's store in Fort Lee. The bass are waiting for you.



Over 6' tall, Ken Malvik makes this 16 lb. bass look small! Fish took a live herring fished along the dropoff from Teller's Point at mouth of Croton Bay.



TYING YOUR FIRST STREAMER FLY

Part Two — *by Art Michaels*

I'm one of those lucky fishermen whose first attempt at fly tying produced a tremendously effective streamer called a "Pigboat." This pattern makes a practical first fly because the few materials needed are large and the pattern is easy to tie. In small sizes, this streamer takes trout, pickerel, yellow perch, and crappies. Medium sizes are effective on walleyes, bass, and pike; and large sizes take stripers, bluefish, and weakfish in a wide variety of saltwater fishing situations. You will find more complicated original versions of this pattern in Tom Nixon's excellent book, "Fly Tying and Fly Fishing for Bass and Panfish," published by A.S. Barnes and Co., Inc.

If you're a novice tyer, beginning with this streamer is a great start. If you're a seasoned tyer, whipping up a batch of these effective flies is a cinch. Let's get started.

Photo #1: Start with a 4x long shank hook in size 6, such as a Mustad 79580 or an Eagle Claw 281. Make your tying thread black, and use a size appropriate for beginners tying large streamers and bass flies, such as size E. This thread is quite large, but getting the hang of tying flies is at first easier with heavy thread, and the thread size won't interfere with this streamer's fish-catching ability. Work your way down to a size 3/0 or 4/0 thread, which I've used to tie these streamers. The streamer has no tail. Anchor the thread at the hook shank just above the bend, as described last week, and tie on red wool yarn. Don't cut the yarn, because you can't yet measure how much you'll need and you don't want to come up short. Drop a dab of tying cement on the thread where it ties the yarn.

Photo #2: Leave the yarn for a minute, and wrap the tying thread over about two-thirds the length of the shank. Wrap the thread slowly and evenly, so that you leave no gaps and so that you don't double over some turns. Tie the thread off with a half-hitch.

Photo #3: Now wind the wool yarn evenly over the hook shank, and tie it off with a half-hitch where you tied off the thread. Gently poke out the wool fibers with a bodkin for a more fuzzy appearance. Pick six long strands of fine or light white rubber hackle, and place them evenly in a tight bunch over the top of the hook. Stretch the rubber just slightly toward the hook point, and make three snug turns of thread around them. Tie off with a half-hitch, and put a drop of tying cement on the turns of thread.

Photo #4: Pick six more long strands of rubber hackle, and tie them on from beneath the first bunch. Add two more bunches of rubber hackle, tying them on as you tied on the first bunch, so that each bunch surrounds the hook evenly. Don't trim the hackle yet. As you tie on each bunch, keep the rubber hackle strands out of your way by draping them over the vise.

Photo #5: Finish off the streamer with a thick head of thread and three or four half-hitches. Put several coats of cement on it for strength. The more durable the fly, the longer it will

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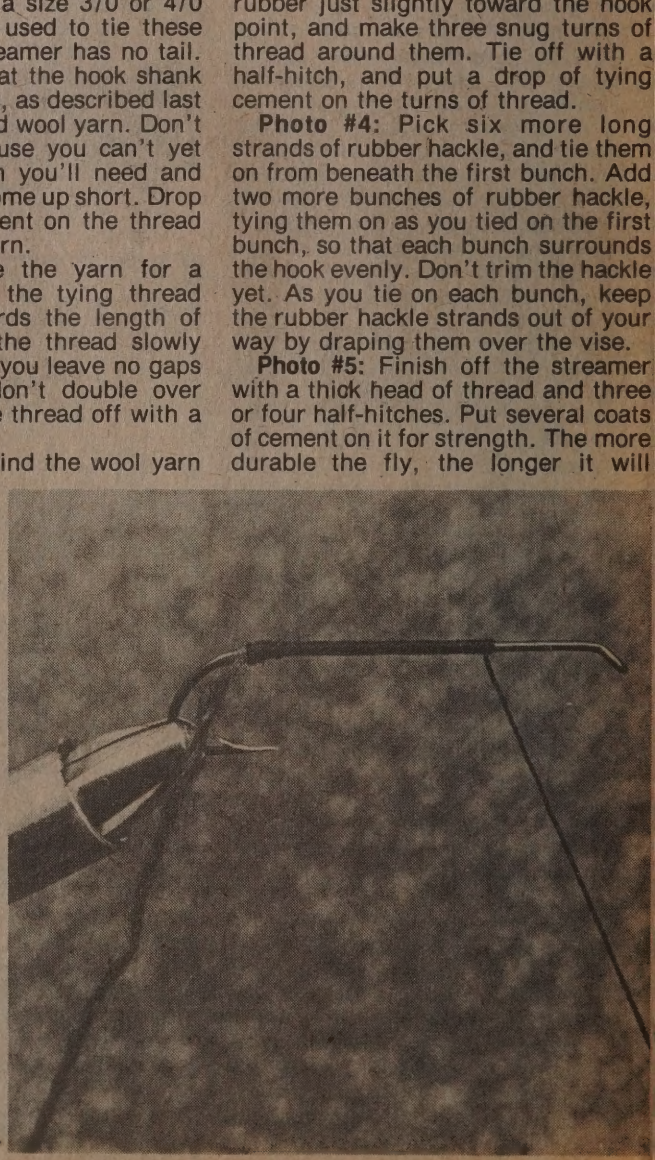


PHOTO TWO

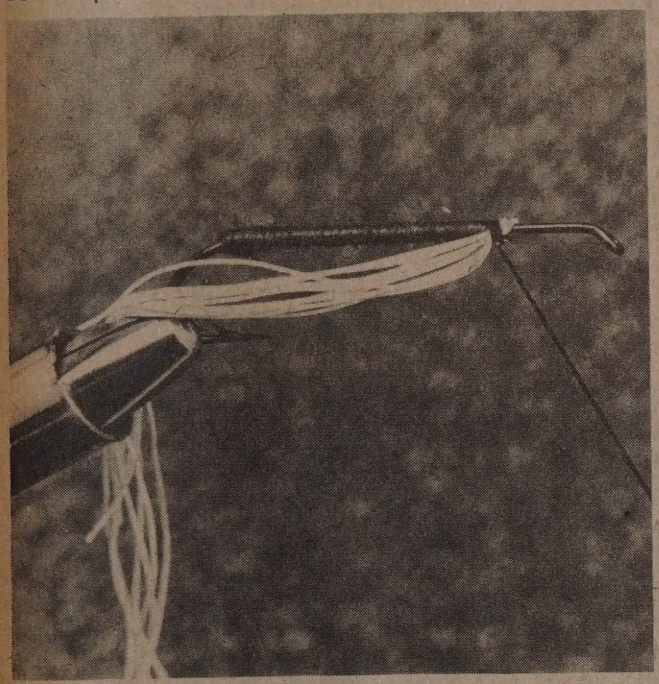
withstand the chomping of tenacious fish, and when I fish these streamers, I don't want them falling apart just as the blitz gets under way. So on some of these flies, especially the larger-sized ones and those tied for saltwater, I give the head two coats of cement, which I let dry completely. Then I coat the head again thoroughly with epoxy glue. This gives the fly head a very hard, shiny finish, which I trust implicitly to stand up to strike after strike. Finally, trim the rubber hackle evenly about a half-inch beyond the hook bend.

DRESSING UP A SIMPLE PATTERN

This streamer is a prime candidate for a tyer's experimentation because it's so simple. You could make an effective pattern even better with the right additions and corrections. Here are some ideas:

- Don't poke the yarn with the bodkin: instead, wrap it with red floss.
- Instead of wool yarn, tie the body with braided mylar piping, spun fur, or different kinds of chenille; or tie palmer hackle on the body.
- Tie on a tail of marabou, matched hackles, squirrel tail, bucktail, or strands of tinsel.
- Wrap the hook with lead wire for extra weight and fast sinking.
- Fashion a large head with epoxy putty and paint on eyes. (Like lead, this adds weight.)
- Enlarge the thread head greatly and paint on eyes, or tie on a shoulder of imitation jungle cock eyes.
- Use an 8x long shank hook, and tie on a small propeller with a clevis, or place it on the hook in front of plastic or metal beads.
- Tie the pattern in larger hook sizes or on tandem hooks for walleyes, pike, muskies, and some saltwater species. Try a Mustad 94720 in size 2, a Mustad 3665A in size 2, and for saltwater tying, a Mustad 31014 stainless steel hook in size 1/0, 2/0, or 3/0.

Photo #6: Here is a completed Pigboat streamer. For fast spring action, cast it parallel to cover from a boat or while wading, or troll it at a dead slow speed in shallow water, bringing it to life with short twitches and jerks.



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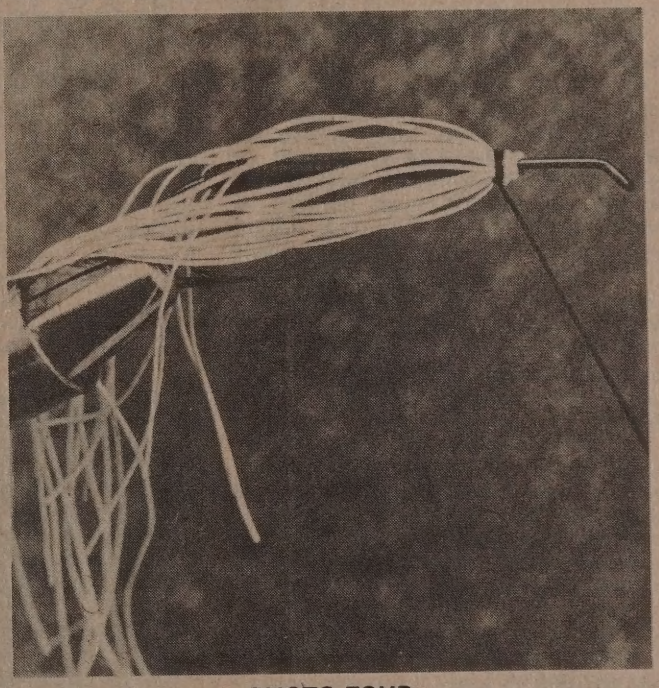

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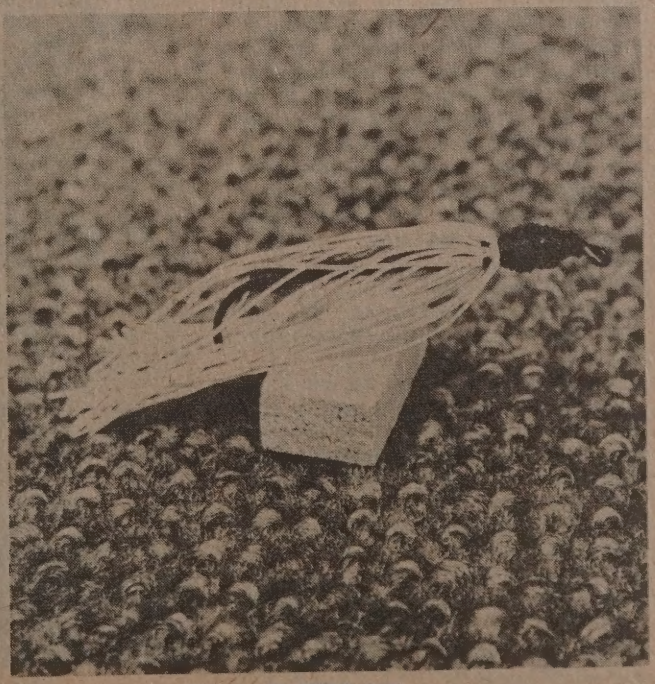

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LING FISHING: THEN & NOW

by Matt Ahern

The author lends another dimension to the term "ling-jerker".

The truth now: isn't there one particular fish that holds a special place in your fishing heart? A fish whose mere mentioning brings back pleasant memories? One whose thoughts quicken your pulse? Of course there is.

For many of us this may be the flounder. Or the fluke. Or the cod. Or the blackfish. Or the sea bass. Or the porgy. It doesn't much matter; for whichever it is, that fish "does something" to us in its own special way whenever thoughts stray from the business at hand. There is always one particular fish whose grip is enhanced by our personal or private memories associated with it.

To me that "special" fish is the ling.

Those fishermen who know me well also know that I am a "ling-jerker" from 'way back. While a planned cod trip may cause sleepless nights in its anticipation, it is the possibility of spending an enjoyable day ling fishing that has caused me to change more than one fishing plan.

Take, for instance, one June afternoon last summer. With an unexpected free hour on tap, I thought I'd visit Shinnecock Canal and find out how my good friend Captain Clark of the "Capt. Clark II" had done with his offshore sea bass fishing. I had planned on being there as the boat came in; but to my surprise, I found it already docked and its passengers long gone.

I discovered Captain Clark going through the final stages of locking up.

"We knocked 'em dead today, Matt," Clark told me. "Came in early."

"Real good, eh?"

"Everybody loaded up—big fish, too. Come down in the morning and try it."

I thanked Clark for his kindness, but told him I'd have to pass it up. I had planned an early morning fluke trip and didn't want to miss that. Besides, I reminded, I'd been aboard only the week before and filled my bucket to brimming with those very same sea bass.

Now, ordinarily that would have been the end of that. But Captain Clark and I go back a long way and I guess you might say he knows me pretty well. "We got loads of big ling, too," he added, knowing full well he had made me an offer I couldn't refuse. And he was right.

Goodbye fluke trip!

And so it has been throughout all my fishing life. Except for codfishing, I'll go ling fishing at the drop of a skimmer. Don't misunderstand me. I certainly enjoy catching all those bottom feeders I mentioned before, for I love them with every beat of my fishing heart. But I have so many fond memories associated with ling that for me to go ling fishing now is like reliving every one of those past 55 years I've spent on party boats. Maybe I'm a sentimental old fool; I don't know. Even my best friends won't tell me.

Now, not everyone enjoys catching ling. I've met fishermen who've told me they wouldn't be caught dead while ling fishing. But that's okay. To each his own and all that. But what about those fellows who have never gone ling fishing and then have the gall to tell you it's for the birds? This is something I never could understand.

I realize, of course, that my comments on ling fishing are made from a prejudiced point of view, but at least I've gone ling fishing! And because of this, I can speak straight from the horse's mouth. But those

Ling always cooperate. They're even easy to clean.

other fellows are only mouthing warmed-over gripes of disgruntled fishermen, who, in all probability, are simply parroting what other fishermen have told to them. World without end.

When I first began fishing, a belittling name for ling was "Coney Island Trout." It was never meant to be humorous. If you still hear that one bandied about today and wonder where it came from, I can tell you it is hold-over from the time when ling (and whiting) were caught in huge numbers each winter night when fishing from Steeplechase Pier. Another name used in derision was "Old Garbage Guts." Another was "Sewer Trout." And there were other names I wouldn't dare mention in this family magazine.

And every one of those names was undeserved.

All right, I'll admit that we fishermen of 50 years ago were spoiled. That's the only name for it. Therefore, there were some of us who could afford to ridicule ling. Ling were so easy to catch, they offered no challenge to those who sought "better fish." Therefore, because of this, ling were often treated with contempt by these fishermen. For instance, if out party boat fishing for sea bass, fluke, or whatever, ling were so disdained they weren't allowed in the pool. Which you must admit is a far cry from today.

I guess you might say that the "Powers-That-Be" have seen to it that we fishermen are no longer spoiled. Today's sinker bouncers are glad to catch ling and few have found anything wrong with them. I guess for most of us old-timers, we, deservedly or undeservedly, have gotten our come-uppance.

I've never doubted that the good Lord works in mysterious ways and that He is up there keeping tabs on things. I say this from hindsight because at the height of the Great Depression, when to have a square meal on the table was an accomplishment not shared by many, there were more ling available for us fishermen then than at any time before—or since. And if you have any doubt that ling helped keep the spectre of starvation from many a household, you weren't a fisherman during those days. Needy fishermen knew they could always fill butter tubs and potato sacks to overflowing with ling; therefore, they cheerfully parted with their hard-to-come-by $2 party boat fare.

The paying of that $2 fare kept the wolf from the door for many a poor fisherman (not to mention the door of his needy neighbor) for at least a week. And before that week was out, that fisherman was back for more.

By the time spring ling fishing was over, hordes of fluke, porgies, and sea bass took up the slack. But it was the ling that saved the day for many—including yours truly. I relate all this lest you think I'm going overboard on the subject.

Now, because they were so important to all concerned, a word about the big-fish pools during those days; then we'll get to ling fishing in our time.

To enter the pool those days cost a quarter. Not much by today's standards, I'll admit. But don't forget that during those sad times a quarter could buy two pounds of coffee, or, let's say, 25 oranges, or if you had a job (you lucky guy, you!) you could travel from the Upper Bronx to Lower Manhattan five times if need be. So, because of this, that quarter had value. And the spending of it on "unnecessary" items, called for much soul-searching deliberation.

Those were great days for the pool shark, too, for it was he who strove mightily to support his family on his pool winnings. (There were no relief or welfare programs those days. It was your family, buster, and you were solely responsible for it; it was up to you to put bread on the table with any lawful means available; and woe betide the man who failed to do this with the brains God gave him.) Truly, the best bottom fishermen were made during those sad times.

Not everyone went into the pool, though; but if this was because those poor fellows didn't have an extra quarter, I don't know. But the fact was at least three or four fishermen never came up with the pool fee on any given day.

I know this simply because at that time I was a mate on the Rose R II from Canarsie. I collected the fare and pool money and when I tallied the count, the skipper, Dick Persson, always asked how many failed to go in the pool. When I would tell him, he would put up the needed money himself, telling me not to advertise it, but to let those poor fellows know they were in the pool. Sometimes a more affluent passenger who noticed another's lack of funds would chip in the quarter for him. As you can imagine, some life-long friendships were begun this way. (I can tell you of several, and perhaps some day I shall; though I believe one or two may break your heart in the telling.)

By today's standards, those old-pools were never large. There were always two prizes—sometimes three, depending upon the size of the pool. First prize was usually $5 (occasionally more); second prize, $3, and if there was enough for a third prize, this was always $2 at least. That way even the third prize winner was assured of enough money for a return trip if he wished; which, of course, he always did.

Those were the days, let me tell

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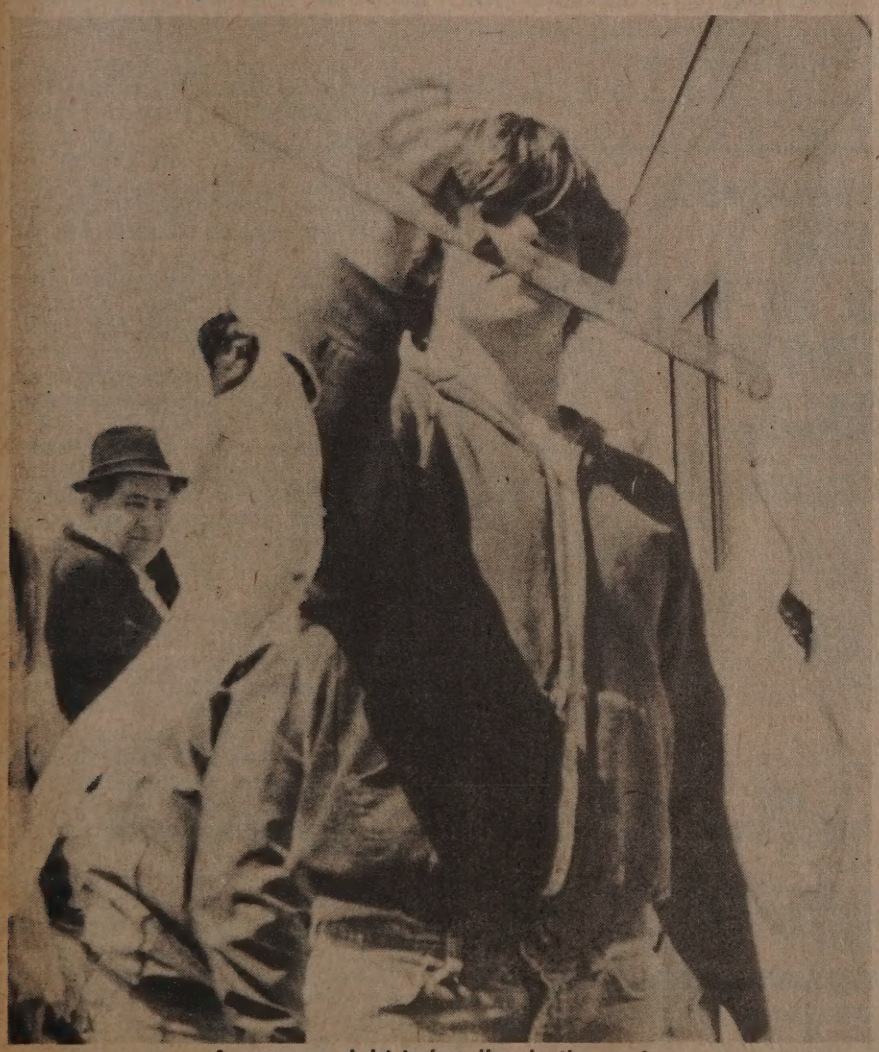

A common sight today: ling in the pool.

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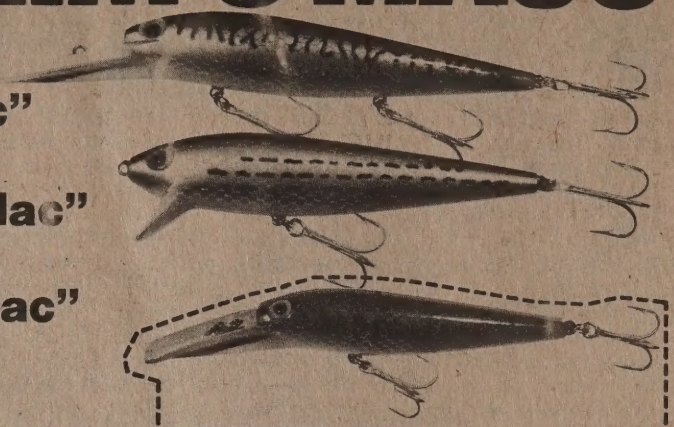

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Now, a little about today's ling fishing.

Surprisingly, those areas which produced ling in abundance years ago when I was a boy, still produce today. Most of our ling fishing was done around the old Ambrose Lightship (Tower). Occasionally whiting supplied a mixed catch, especially in May; but as a rule, ling dominated the area. On occasion, lingering cod put in an appearance, but not too often. These were never small, with a 30 lber. being tops. It was the possible capture of these monsters that spurred the pool shark to greater glory.

I do not find much overall change in those ling riggings used today than from the riggings I used 55 years ago. The biggest change has been in line: from the old Irish linen to today's nylon monofilament. This change has been a blessing for all bottom fishermen, for it has enabled us to catch fish with less strain or pain, especially the easily-spooked cod.

I always used two tandem-tied, regular-shanked 4/0 Sproat hooks (just as I do today), plus a third hook about 18" above the sinker to garner any whiting, or maybe a cruising cod or pollack. It was because of this latter possibility that the old-time pool shark increased the size of that top hook to 5/0.

My bottom hooks are always tied in about one inch above the sinker. This is the beauty of monofilament. Where we used to use at least an 8 oz. sinker—sometimes more during full moon tide—we can now get by with a six ouncer most times. If you rig accordingly, there is no doubt you will catch ling.

Bait was always skimmer (fifty cents a bushel back then), and this is what I use today, although squid works well.

During the past twenty years or so, I have done much ling fishing around wrecks in late May and into June—and, of course, on the Cholera Bank's high-spots during early July. There's one thing to keep in mind when wreck fishing: use only one bottom hook—and no hardware! A top hook tied in about 18" above the sinker is okay, especially when you know there are sea bass around. (If porgies are driving you crazy, change that top hook to a 1/0 Sproat and use a two-inch strip of skimmer "string." Guaranteed to outfox 'em.

There is still a good quantity of ling to be caught—which is something you can't say about many bottom fish today. All you've got to do is find a ling fishing boat (no problem) and get on board.

Fortunately, we no longer need the ling to stave off starvation as some of my long-ago buddies did, but I know you will find ling fishing is enjoyable. And you'll discover why we old-time fishermen considered ling God's gift in our time. Those good old ling always came through for us—as they will for you.

TROUT & FLOUNDER TIPS

GARDEN WORMS ARE THE BEST EARLY SEASON TROUT BAIT AND IT ISN'T NECESSARY TO COVER THE HOOK POINT. USING NO SINKER OR HARDWARE, LET WORM DRIFT DOWNSTREAM UNTIL IT IS STRUCK. *GIVE TROUT TIME TO RUN* - AND SWALLOW WHOLE BAIT.

TROLLING A WORM BEHIND A SPINNER WORKS WELL IN STOCKED LAKES AND PONDS. TROUT HIT AND RUN WITH IT TO THE BOTTOM. *LET OUT LINE* AND GIVE TROUT TIME TO SWALLOW BAIT.

CORN, CHEESE & SPONGE ALSO CATCH TROUT WITH NO MUSS OR FUSS.

USE ONE WHOLE KERNEL CORN ON HOOK.

ORANGE COLORED PROCESSED CHEESE IN 1/4-INCH PIECES.

SPONGE IS USED IN 1/2-INCH MARBLE SIZE PIECES. ORANGE AND YELLOW ARE BEST COLORS.

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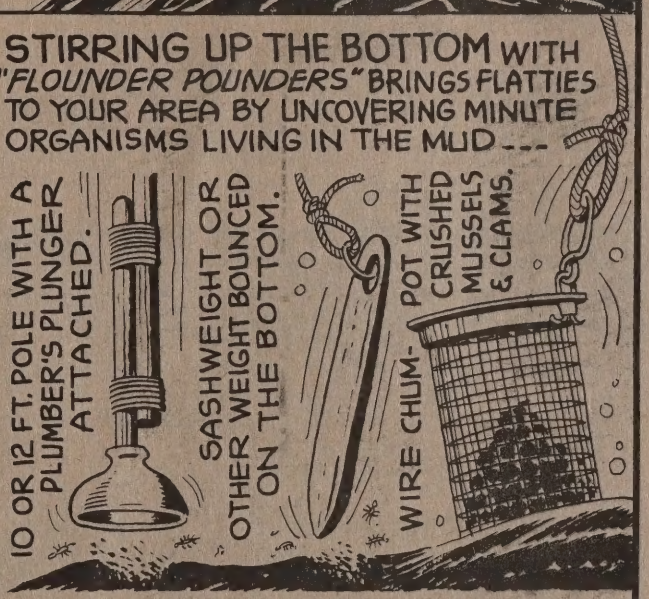
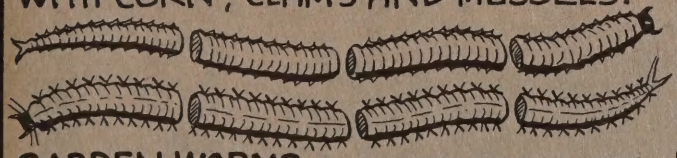

10 OR 12 FT. POLE WITH A PLUMBER'S PLUNGER ATTACHED.
SASHWEIGHT OR OTHER WEIGHT BOUNCED ON THE BOTTOM.
WIRE CHUM-POT WITH CRUSHED MUSSELS & CLAMS.

BLOOD AND SANDWORMS SERVED UP IN ONE-INCH PIECES ARE STANDARD FLOUNDER BAITS - CAN BE COMBINED WITH CORN, CLAMS AND MUSSELS.



GARDEN WORMS AND NIGHTCRAWLERS, OVERLOOKED, DOWNGRADED AND UNDER-ESTIMATED, CATCH FLOUNDERS AND CAN BE USED WHOLE ON THE HOOK.

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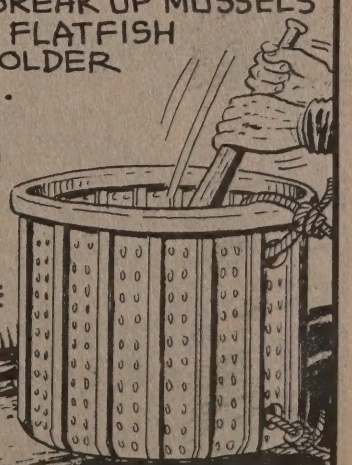
WEIGHTED WITH AN ANCHOR AND TIED WITH A TRIP LINE, IT CAN ALSO BE USED TO DUMP CHUM UNDER YOUR OFFSHORE CODFISHING BOAT.



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SUBWAY FISHERMEN

by Edward J. Haring

Public transportation is a way of life for many New Yorkers. For some, it also means a day of fun and relaxation.

It may come as a shock to many of our readers that Brooklyn is a part of Long Island and that people actually catch fish within its confines. Just about any place the water and land meet you are apt to find an angler diligently trying to outwit some denizen of the deep. Some favor the sandy stretches, others the rocks, bulkheads or piers. Yes, there are three of the latter where one may choose the type of fishing he or she prefers.

Public transit brings many of these anglers closer to the piers than if you elected to drive a Mercedes Benz. For the piers at Canarsie and 69th Street, you will have to transfer to a bus; but at Coney Island, several lines terminate practically at the foot of the pier. If you prefer to drive, you should not have too much of a parking problem, except at Coney Island. Be prepared to walk a few blocks if you decide on the old gas guzzler. Another word of caution to any who choose to sample the piers: be sure to bring your bait and refreshments with you. Both are available within short walking distance. Also, be sure to dispose of the remaining litter in proper receptacles. It is much lighter than when you carried it in.

What can you expect to catch? To be truthful, I would say anything from seaweed to a good sized striper or blue. You can determine what species are running from the fishing reports in this magazine, or from the local bait shops. Since the terminal end of your line will go a long way toward improving your chances, use the bait and recommended hook setup for

Reconstruction of Coney Island Pier (above) approaches the T section. Extensive damage was caused by fire in November of 1980. Power tools (below) screech as workmen secure new planking.

whatever species you are seeking. I wish I had a nickel for every fisherman who responded he was fishing for whatever came along. It could very well be that this is the formula for an enjoyable expedition, although I have my reservations. Tackle ranges from the ridiculous to the sublime: handlines to long surf rods, with 75% of the reels designed for other rods. Still, if it's all you have, or you find it to your liking, it is adequate. No fish is going to snub your bait regardless of what you're holding in your hands.

By the time this goes into print, the reconstruction of the pier at Coney should be completed. When passing in mid-March, I saw work going on at a furious clip and only a short gap remained before reaching the T section. It should be pointed out that it is the only one of its type jutting into the Atlantic Ocean in the State of New York. As you head south, you will find them more numerous and given a big play by their Chambers of Commerce. Here one may hope to catch just about any species sought by surf casters along the South Shore with a bonus of whiting and blackfish added. Trapping blue claw crabs is also popular.

The pier at 69th Street offers an inlet type of fishing; for, after all, the Narrows is an inlet to the Hudson and East Rivers. Any ocean-bound striper from the Hudson River spawning area must pass through these waters. That does not mean the migration will be within range of the pier itself. Blues from jumbo size to snappers have often made their presence felt. All in all, a wide variety of fish are taken. This pier was recently reconstructed.

Canarsie Pier offers more in the way of bay fishing, but the unexpected can frequently occur. It wasn't too many years ago that a pretty fair amount of weaks took up residence here and kept the pier crowd busy. If you are lucky, you may be able to park on the pier itself. Of the three structures, this one suffers the most from deterioration. The others are under the Department of Parks, but Canarsie has been ceded to Gateway NRA. Unfortunately, it seems as though their budget is eroded by studies, amended studies, consultants, etc. After the Environmental Impact Reports and interpretive values are concluded, any potential reconstruction money is gone. To one less experienced it might seem akin to making a sound diagnosis after the patient's funeral.

Now, you who dwell in the shadow of Manhattan's skyline know that there are a few places, reachable by public transit where you can enjoy your sport on a 24-hour basis at the hours best suited to you. The waters are much cleaner than they have been in the past, and the fish are just as spunky as their relatives anywhere else. Many of our top-notch fishermen got their start in these waters before compiling a lifetime full of know-how. Few of them have forgotten their roots as "subway fishermen."

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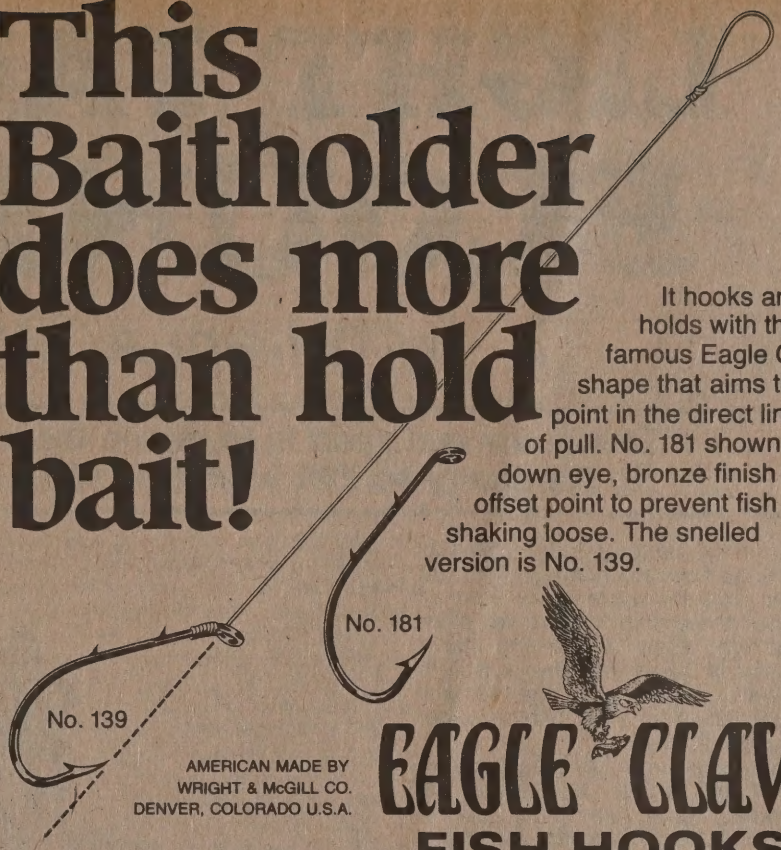

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LIGHT TACKLE FLOUNDER

by William A. Muller

"To me, the real sport is to match the tackle and technique to the quarry so that a genuine contest can be set up."

I'll not presume to write an article on how to go flounder fishing with light tackle since there are many more of you out there that know a lot more about light tackle bay fishing than I do. Instead this is intended as a light tackle story with a twist, and the twist is light tackle flounder fishing under heavy conditions.

I love to fish with light tackle, don't you? Light tackle bay fishing for flounder, fluke, porgy, snappers, tailor blues, and weakfish allows the fisherman to get the most out of every fish. Perhaps you've read my articles and columns where I seem to take a dim view of light tackle techniques. However, that isn't the case. What drives my dander off my skin is when the whole thing is taken to extremes. Anything taken to extremes can lose some of its original value and enjoyment. It becomes a thing unto itself and the fun and enjoyment that was once linked with the original purpose is lost. I mean, 6 lb. test line and sunfish rods for sharks and billfish?! Of course it can be done and I'll bet those who do it lay claim to great sport and fun, but I can't help seeing things a little differently. Many ultra enthusiasts claim that sportsmanship increases with lighter tackle and bigger fish. Up to a point I can't disagree. However, let's face facts. When the fish gets beyond an upper size limit and the rod and reel below a certain size, sportsmanship goes straight out the window. I've been witness to these great shark and billfish light tackle records and sometimes what I've seen lacks all sportsmanship. For example, there's this little trick. Allow a big shark to eat a bait that's attached to an ultra-light and then let the fish swim round and round. When the fish makes a pass close enough to the boat, you gaff it and then pray for the best. No tension is ever placed on the fish by the rod and reel. I have firsthand knowledge of one record that was made just this way. If pressure is put on a running fish, a speedy boat is often used to prevent the reel from being stripped. Perhaps this approach comes closer to fishing,

Marty puts steady pressure on the fish by repeatedly lifting his rod and picking up line on the way down.

You can't see it under all that clothing, but Marty has a big smile on his face and a good flounder in the boat.

but a boat isn't part of a rod and reel outfit.

By now I'm sure that I've annoyed enough of you to motivate at least ten or twelve to write a hate letter to me. Save your pen and paper because I'm not against light tackle fishing, but I am against gimmicks. Hell, if harpoons, gaffs, and boats can be considered an integral part of a rod and reel, then why not a gill net? to me the real sport is to match the tackle and technique to the quarry so that a genuine contest can be set up. In this contest, the fish must have a chance or the contest is a sham. To a surf fisherman an 11' rod, 15 lb. test, and a 30 lb. bass is a good combination that makes for a good contest, but the ultra-light snob would surely scoff at that. Yet, in analysis it is a good and fair contest because there are no gimmicks, the fish is prompted to pull back (which it does), the drag gives line, the fishermen must be careful of careless errors, and the tackle challenges the fish. Furthermore, if that fish is landed it has not been exhausted in a fight against light limber tackle that takes the guts out of fish and prevents release. Thus, in the ultimate sense, the sportsman can release an uninjured fish with excellent results.

Perhaps you think I've rambled far afield of fishing for flounder. Yet, I have not actually, because in this story finding a way to fish light tackle on an appropriate quarry when it is physical conditions that would seem to prevent it, is to me a real challenge to the angler's skills. You see, I am and always have been a devotee of conventional tackle for flounder. I don't mean a heavy boat rod and reel as one might use for cod, diamond jigging, or trolling, but instead a light conventional. Perhaps a 7' light action Shakespeare bait casting stick, A Shimano Bantam 100 reel, and 10 lb. test Ande line. To me that is a great combination that provides great sport and at the same time, helps the fisherman to keep control of the fishing under arduous conditions. I'm frequently up against arduous conditions because a lot of my flounder fishing is done in Peconic Bay and points east where the water is deep and the currents strong. Add a little spring wind and chop and you've got a set of physical conditions that even King Neptune wouldn't be crazy about.

Therefore, when I take folks flounder fishing out east I always urge them not to use light spinning gear. For most, the advice is well taken and once they experience Peconic Bay flounder fishing they realize how out of place it would have been. But then there's the purist. This is the fisherman who believed so strongly in the use of light tackle for bay fishing that they want to find a way to use it even under the most stressful circumstances.

Such a fisherman is Marty Garrell, a frequent contributor and an ultra-light purist. Last spring I invited Marty to join me for some flounder fishing and when he asked about tackle I made my usual speech about using a light conventional and the obvious advantages under conditions where up to 8 oz. of lead might be needed. He indicated that he'd really like to use that light stuff and we settled on a compromise and he agreed to bring a light conventional just in case.

The weather forecast was, as usual, misleading and what we hoped was to be a nice and comfortable day turned out to be cold, windy, rough, and raw. Photos usually never accurately relate how rough a day was, but I think you can tell by the way Marty is dressed in the photos and the change in pitch of the boat from one photo to the next, that it wasn't comfortable. We slurped and slid our way out of Captain Marty's Fishing Station in New Suffolk to the vicinity of the Nassau Point buoy. All the way out I couldn't keep my eyes off the landing net that Marty insisted on bringing. Well, I've used landing nets on flounder at Gardiner's Island where the fish can push towards 5 lbs., but you're not likely to see too many fish in Peconic over 3 lbs. Now, remember Marty is a light tackle purist, and thus the net becomes essential so as not to strain rod tips or light line bait rigs.

We settled in with a wind against the tide which made for the worst flounder conditions I can think of because it becomes impossible to hold over the chum pot and equally impossible to double anchor what with the deep water (30') and the strong wind and tide. Now it was time for Marty to apply his light tackle skills and make it work in spite of the conditions which I believed would have been bad enough for him even on a calm day. Whereas I rigged up with my usual rig and a 5 oz. sinker to start, Marty had to test out lead weights of differing sizes until he found the right one to hold bottom without being too much of a nuisance on that light tackle rod. By the time he worked this out, I had a couple of fat fish in the boat. Finally, down went his baited rig. Instantly he had difficulty working the bottom. There's mud around that buoy and a sinker tends to settle in it. With a rod that's just a bit stiffer there is no problem pulling the sinker out and then letting it settle back on the lift. When Marty did this the rod took a big bend until it built up sufficient spring and then the sinker came flying out of the mud and rose maybe five to six feet off the bottom like a rocket launched from a pad. This is not the best way to catch flounder; yet Marty set himself to the task at hand and he settled for letting the swinging boat help him to get the stuck sinker out of the mud periodically in order to feel for a nibbling fish.

There were other problems to overcome, too. Because he couldn't lift, his line frequently was under the boat and he winced repeatedly when his light line rubbed against the hull.

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He overcame this by thrusting his rod into the water when the line rubbed to keep it away from the hull. By now you have a picture of a man working very hard at his sport; and so it should be. If we don't work for our fish then the edge of accomplishment is lost. Marty explained: "I don't need to fill the boat with flounder in order to have a good day. All Jan (his wife) and I need are a few fish for the freezer. I'd rather catch a couple on this light tackle than a few dozen on bigger gear. I fish to have fun and to catch a nice big flounder on this ultra-light outfit is, to me, great fun."

Just about that time, he felt a nibble. The flounder were off their feed, given the terrible weather, and when one did hit it seemed to inhale the bait below. In a bouncing and heaving boat you didn't feel much of a bite. Marty's arms tensed, he took up the slack, and then when the rod tip jiggled again, he set the hook smartly.

His rod took a vicious bend and the fish made a move towards the bow and then under the boat. In the swift current around Nassau Point, a flounder will dig its head to catch the current and the fisherman is pulling not only against the runs of a good fat fish, but is also attempting to lift a 30' by 10" to 14" water column. This kind of flounder fishing is great sport even with my slightly heavier conventional outfit, but for Marty it was a thrill. Instantly he began giggling. He said, "Look at that fish tug. Wow! They really put up a show in this deep, fast moving water." Marty had to step over the seat and move to the bow to follow the fish, but he kept constant tension on that fish at all times. The flounder made several runs taking 4 lb. test line in 4' or 5' spurts. Marty lifted the rod high and then picked up line on the way down. This pumping technique is essential for the ultra-light fisherman under these conditions.

Patience is another important ingredient. You simply can't rush these fish, or if you do you may just lose the fish and your rig. When the flounder came to the surface, Marty held the rod high and reached for the landing net with his free hand. In one practiced motion he thrust the net outward under the fish and lifted it into the boat, and all the while the rod was kept high. It was obvious to me that Marty was serious about his light tackle fishing and he had practiced enough so that he was able to apply the skill to the right fish even under heavy conditions. He found a way around each obstacle, concentrated on technique, and exercised great patience. Sure, I caught more fish than he did that day, but he was working under much harder, but self-imposed conditions. He enjoyed every fish to the hilt and he proved to me that this kind of light tackle flounder fishing can work in Peconic Bay. I was convinced enough, in fact, to build an ultra-light spinning outfit and this spring those flounder better watch out for me, too!

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WITHIN SIGHT OF METROPOLIS

by Andy Regina

The western portion of Long Island Sound provides shore casters with some unique opportunities to put a flounder dinner on the table.

Come along with me on any bright, sunny Sunday morning during the winter, and I'll show you at least six or eight crazy men, if not more, fishing from shore. Bundled against the cold, huddled out of the wind, or sitting around a blazing fire—these idiots actually believe they are having a good time. I know, because I am usually one of those idiots myself, more often than not! Still, it beats working and it most definitely beats hanging around the house and listening to the wife. When it gets to about half-past February, the ranks of this idiot army seem to grow by leaps and bounds as the weather starts to get a bit nicer with every passing day; bait gets easier to come by as tackle shops trickle open, and the incidence of boob-tube related dementia reaches its zenith. Once our mid-March hangovers disappear (an odd malady annually affecting millions of people on the day after St. Patrick's Day), our fishing season here finally gets under way in earnest. Winter flounder are waiting to be caught, and it's time to get down to serious business once again.

The small, ubiquitious winter flounder is probably the most sought-after fish in the whole world. It is not only our annual herald of spring, but our promise of a bright, new season to come, and it is also probably the most delicious fish to eat, to boot. It is also the first fish available to us after a long winter layoff, and it is also fairly abundant and easy to catch. It is caught by bottom fishing with bait; no sophisticated technique or difficult method is demanded of the angler. This fish is taken regularly by shore-based anglers and can be taken on any type of tackle, from expensive custom rods to simple droplines. In fact, I'd say that just about as many flounder are caught with droplines as are with rod and reel, spinning and conventional combined, here in The Bronx.

Of course, there are varying degrees of success among anglers, but this is due more to individual angler expertise than anything else. Discounting the role Lady Luck seems to hold in our particular sport, knowledge of the fish and its life-style still plays the major role when it comes to putting fish on your stringer. In this respect, the flounder is no different than any other fish we seek, and the guys that truly believe this are usually the guys who score the best. In other words, to catch 'em you gotta know when, where, and how, or you just ain't gonna catch too many, right?

Look for flounder where the bottom is fairly clean and composed basically of mud or sand, but not that foul-smelling slimy stuff—it's no good because it does not support any marine life, and therefore, will not attract any flounder. These flatfish feed by rooting along the bottom, inhaling bits of worms, pieces of shellfish and shrimp. Any bottom that is rich in clam sprat or any of the above flounder tidbits will, naturally, support the greatest concentrations of flounder. The water does not have to be too deep either, as flounder will enter water that is literally only an inch or two deep, but seek out a spot that will give you at least two feet of water at high tide. Gravel bottom is good, as are mussel patches and partially rocky areas, as long as there is an abundance of that clean, fairly soft sand or mud around the area. At times, large flounder can be taken on

This jetty, located at Orchard Beach attracts its share of flounder fans.

or near rough bottom, but this type of structure is difficult to fish properly when you are casting from shore. It is worth remembering when you have a boat under you though; so keep it in mind till then.

Check out any prospective fishing location at low tide whenever possible, to determine the best areas. Look for clam sprat, shell life, worm, fiddler crab, or clam holes, and any tiny marine life that might be on weeds or under rocks. All these are desirable attributes because they bespeak an alive area. Look for any deep holes, sloughs, grassy patches, or recently dug-up areas, all possible flounder hangouts. The perfect time for such exploration would be on a moon tide, when the ebb is at its greatest, thereby uncovering more of the bottom for you.

If you are going to fish there, you may as well dig your bait there also; not only will you save a few bucks, but you could make that spot interesting to flounder when the tide comes in, because of the bits of worms or shellfish that digging uncovered. This is commonly known as salting, and is the shore fisherman's answer to chumming. Any and all sea worms are good baits, with the nod going to tape or ribbon worms as first choice. All clams are good, hard or soft shelled, as are any mussels, oysters, scallops, piggyback snails, and shrimp. If you scrounge for bait, use whatever you come up with, but use whatever you take. Do not wantonly waste this resource, which is disappearing rapidly enough without any added assistance on our part. If you buy bait, buy sandworms. I know that many of you might not agree with me, especially Doc Muller, who swears by bank mussels, but the best bait on the north shore is sandworms. All you have to do is to check any party boat that fishes the western Sound; in every case you will discover that this is the only bait they use, and if it's that dominant, it should settle any argument!

You must place your baited hooks directly on the bottom to achieve results. Distance does not play a dominant role most of the time, as flounder often come close to shore, especially early in the year, when shallow inshore waters warm quickly because of the very nature of their shallowness. Flounder mouths are small and devoid of teeth; they are not predators that feed on live fish, and sort of suck-in their food. We use the aforementioned soft baits on small hooks and fish them right on the very bottom, where some flounder will hopefully come along and find them. The hooks generally used are Chestertowns, in sizes 8-10, but almost any small snelled hook will do. These are tied in tandem and tied in the line about an inch above the sinker, so they will lay on the bottom in use. The sinker is attached to the line via an end loop that can be slipped through the sinker eye, and a dropper loop accommodates the tandem-tied hooks.

If using worms as bait, use pieces about 2" or 3" long. Slide one piece onto the hook point, then right up the shank, like a strand of spaghetti, leaving a small section hanging off the bend of the hook. This is the piece that the flounder inhales, and the rest of the worm follows along, taking the hook with it, right into the flounder's mouth. Clams are fine baits at times, but must be sliced into small pieces before use. Each piece should be long and thin, like a worm, and have a piece of the soft, mushy clam stomach attached. Bait the hook as you do with worms, leaving a piece of that soft, mushy stomach trailing off the bend of the hook, which is what the flounder will get started on, just like that piece of worm mentioned earlier. I do not use mussels! They are messy, gooey, and sloppy, and usually fly off the hook when I cast, but some guys swear by 'em, including our erudite editor; so use 'em if you want to. Try to stab that tiny, black heart with the hook, and try to wrap the stringy lips, or mantle, around the hook as best as possible, and good luck to you. Me? I'll keep using sandworms, thanks!

Okay, you got the when and the how as best as we could tell it; so now we will try to tell you where to go. It is the last thing on my list because it is the least important. Hotspots change, and what produces one year may not do as well next time out. Once you know what to look for, though, you'll be able to select your own hotspots by yourself.

Here in The Bronx, almost any place along our shore line will yield some flounder at one time or another. There are secret places, known to only a few old veterans, and guarded as jealously as any striped bass hangout, and there may be some of your own secret spots, too, for all I know; but generally, for flounder at least, the same places always draw crowds. Early in the season, the lagoon opposite the Orchard Beach parking lot gets a lot of attention, as does Eastchester Bay, between the Pelham Bay to the Throgg's Neck Bridge, with the emphasis on the area directly in front of the old Bronx Beach area, near the Throgg's Neck Bridge toll plaza. And the shore line between City Island and Orchard Beach always hosts lots of fishermen, as does either of the jetties located at each end of Orchard Beach.

On the Long Island side of the western Sound, Little Neck Bay is the place to be, if you want to fish from shore in the spring. The entire shore line along the westbound Cross Island Parkway, from the Throgg's Neck Bridge almost to Northern Boulevard, is noted not only for big spring flounder, but for what is traditionally our first showing of striped bass in this area. More than one happily surprised angler has been astounded here, when some worm-loving striped bass belted his offering, usually a worm-baited hook intended to catch some west end flounder!

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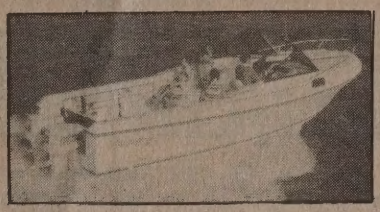

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by Capt. Bill Herold

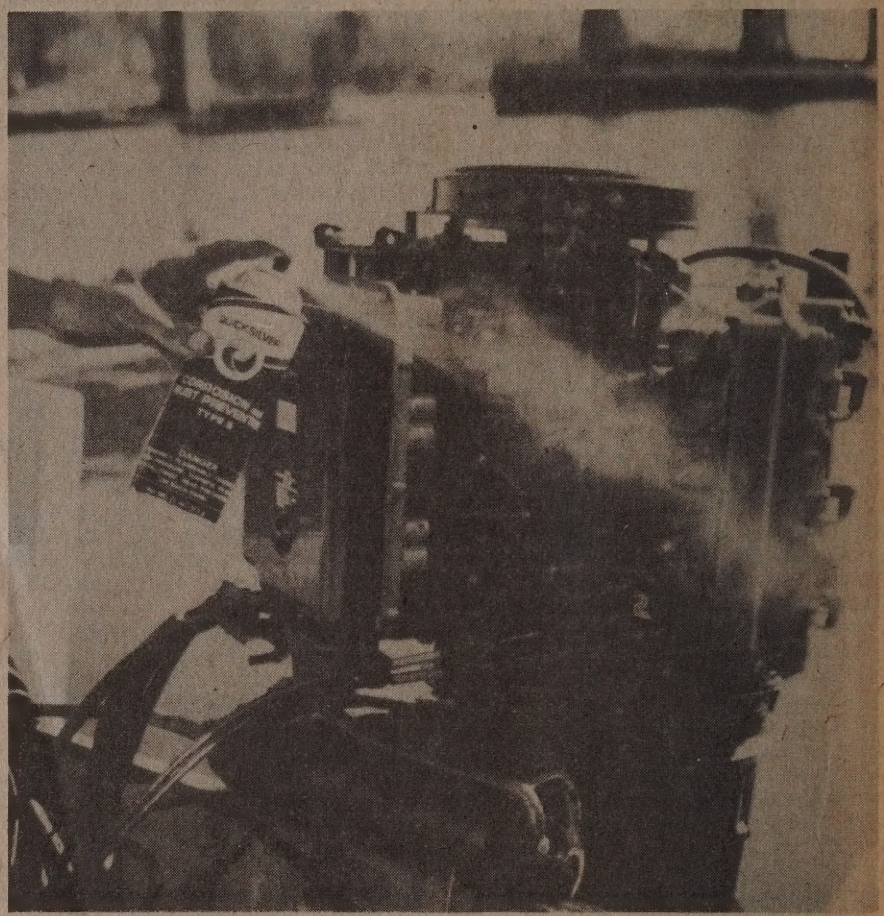
A small boat charter skipper provides a list of tips that might help you spend more time fishing this season.

If you are like most fishermen who own boats of 25' or less, technical bombardments regarding marine maintenance and instruction fall on confused, and often times, deaf ears. It is genuinely difficult for the average guy/gal to digest and comprehend such "stuff." Fishermen, in general, are willing to observe some cursory basics when it comes to shipboard maintenance; but, by all that is sacred, don't ask them to cut into actual angling time. It is with this premise in mind that the following are offered: the intent is to provide fishermen with frank and hard-earned ideas on keeping marine problems to a minimum, and rod and reel hours to a maximum. These ideas and suggestions run the gamut from engine and fuel tips to wheelhouse layouts. Don't look for any order to sophistication here, as there is no rhyme or reason to their numbering. Some items listed could be useful to your particular situation. Some items listed will have a repetitious ring. Granted, you may find yourself saying that you have heard this or that a thousand times; but have you practiced them a thousand times? There's the rub! Hopefully, the candid phrasing will be the motivation to heed these words of advice.

I am forced to use my boat everyday (weather permitting) for business and pleasure both; and these simple basics allowed me to run the entire season (12 months) without one failure or problem. Practice the following on your boat and as sure as the tide will rise, so, too, will your hours of fishing.

•Safety is paramount in any boating situation; therefore, your first line of duty (defense) should be to install the required life-saving and fire-fighting apparatus. Keep it accessible and neat. Fire extinguishers are relatively small and most are properly mounted; but flotation devices are another "can of worms." They are bulky and take up room, so many small boat owners tend to stow them in hatches or cram them under seats. If an emergency rears its ugly head, you are in sorry shape. Preservers, therefore, should always be within hand's reach. Do not stow in hatches!

•As for the subject of neatness, boaters should live by the time-old adage "a place for everything and everything in its place." If you think your vessel cuts the mustard, test her



Remove cowling and coat engine with a liberal dose of rust preventive.

Steering mechanisms deserve a little added attention.

by pouring the coals to it in sloppy sea conditions. Your errors become readily apparent. Correct them. Plan your stowage layout carefully and you will end up with a far safer and efficient vessel. Do not be ashamed to ask others for their opinions.

•Regardless if your outboard engine is new or old, at the onset of your season one of the first things you should do is to remove the cowling from your power plant and spray it with a liberal coating of rust preventive spray. I have used most every one on the market and none do as good a job as Quicksilver's Rust Preventative II. No sales pitch intended; just excellent results. Hit your engines every six weeks or so, and you will be amazed at the difference.

•Any exposed metals and wiring connections would do well to receive a shot of this rust inhibitor as well. Steering cables, motor brackets, trim pumps, etc.—hit 'em all.

•On the subject of trim pumps, let's face it—these unsightly monsters are a harsh reality. On the bigger engines you have no choice in the matter; so accept them and treat them with kid gloves. Make sure their placement is out of the path of wandering feet and hands, and away from continued immersions in saltwater. Check the hydraulic fluid every so often. Fog the entire unit with rust inhibitor. Utilize the manufacturer's recommended covering device. Never over-trim these units either up or down, as a damaged pump will sure follow, most often in the form of ruptured seals.

During low water conditions at many docking facilities, the bottom is suspiciously close to most lower units. For this reason, it is wise to trim up your outboard a bit before starting. The chance of sucking up any sediment will then be avoided and your water pump's life expectancy will greatly increase.

•In warm weather, trim-tilt your outboard all the way up after each use. This cuts down on marine growth and electrolysis. If your engine doesn't come all the way out of the brine, I am sorry. I think they should somehow all be designed to come out completely, but I am no engineer. Even if yours doesn't, I still feel it is better to lift it, provided you have some deterrent to electrolysis other than your motor's trim tab, which is now rendered more or less useless when not submerged.

If you are like me and use your boat most of the winter, it is a good bet to leave the lower unit submerged during periods of freezing temperatures. The small amount of water that remains trapped in the lower unit after it is tilted could freeze and crack it quite easily.

•One item on a boat with a high rate of attrition is the steering cable or cables. Never force a steering wheel. From the onset, protect your cable with a good greasing. Always turn the engine to ensure the steering cable is withdrawn inside its protective sheathing before leaving your boat for the day. Most boaters don't and leave an exposed section to the mercy of Mother Nature. Rain and splashing will eventually dissipate a good deal of the lubricant and what little is left will act like a magnet for dust and grit. Service technicians replace a good many cables for this one simple reason, so turn it back into its protected (lubricated) atmosphere.

If your cable is already showing signs of this illness, wipe off the excess grease on the cable with rags and lightly buff with emory to remove any pitting. Re-apply fresh grease and turn it back within its casing.

•Always use a water-separating filter on each gas line, and change them at least twice a season. More often for twelve-month boat usage. I recommend the filters that are similar to a car's oil filter. The throw-away kind get my nod. The other types I see around the docks are more often than not in a state of advanced rust.

•Maintain required water levels and good clean connections on your boat battery. Top off the cells with distilled water every six weeks or so.

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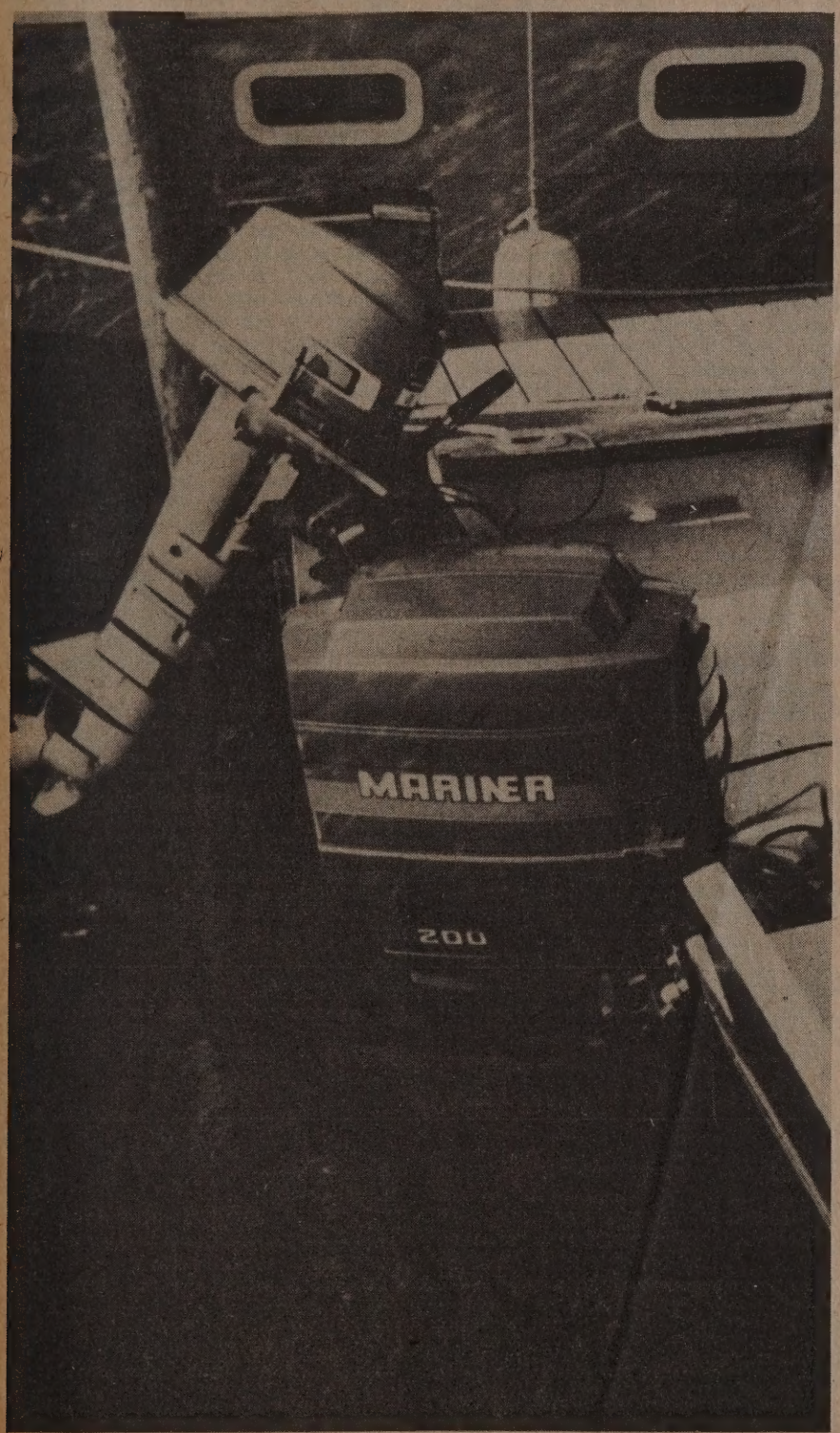

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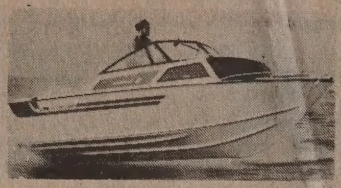

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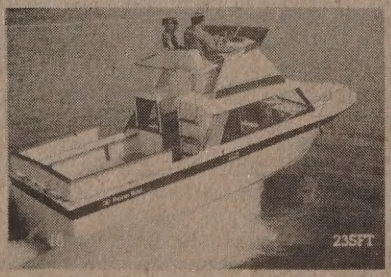

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•Most all outboards have a small piece of tubing near the back of the cover which spurts water while the engine is running (i.e., a weep hole). This is to show that the water pump is operating properly. Carry a long thin (stiff) piece of wire onboard to unclog this opening if you fail to see water emerging. This is especially important during winter usage, when freezing occurs regularly. In a pinch you can make do with a large snap-swivel. Just straighten it out and be careful.

•When choosing an oil to mix with your outboard engine's gasoline, be careful. I strongly urge you to match the engine's manufacture with its company's oil instead of using other brands. You won't save very much money by buying cheaper. Try and be consistent all season long with your gas and oil types. In the winter a small dose of extra oil will be all right with each fill-up.

•Buy gas from a dealer who you know has clean, moisture-free tanks whenever possible. Water in gasoline is a far too frequent malady. In the area where I used to moor my boat, the people were menaced by a particular dealer whose gasoline was suspect at best. Buyer beware!

•Those kickers or auxiliary engines most of you have hanging on your transoms get very little attention over the season; and will fail to yield the security they are there to provide if you are not careful. Run and spray (rust preventive) your auxiliary every six weeks at least. Also, flush it with fresh water whenever possible. Being the worst offender here, I can tell you how stupid it is to neglect this point.

•FRESH WATER spells the longevity of your boat and motor. Take the time to constantly hose off your vessel and power with fresh water to avoid salt build-ups. Flush all outboards whenever the chance arises. Treat your boat like you would your body, for it just can't survive without major doses of fresh water.

•What extras should you carry aboard? Here is a simple list of definite "musts": spare prop, spark plugs, appropriate wrenches, tape, fuses, wire, and luck! The list goes on and on; but don't cast off without those mentioned.

•Use the correct electrolysis prevention on your boat. If you don't already know about electrolysis, you are way behind the eight ball. If the motor is left submerged in saltwater, the factory installed sacrifice trim-tab may be sufficient. Check and replace as needed. On the other hand, if your motor is tilted during storage you would be advised to enhance your protection by installing a secondary zinc block below the waterline of your vessel. Be sure to run a heavy gauge wire from the mounting bolt used on the zinc block back to the negative ground on your battery for best results. If you are in any way confused, ask someone in your boatyard, pronto.

•At day's end, run the carburetor dry of fuel if your boat won't be in use for a week or more. This is not necessary for everyday use.

•Scrub your boat's bottom periodically all season. In warm weather there is no excuse to omit this necessary chore. A swim suit and good scrub brush are all that is needed. If the boat is in use all year, either pay your yard to haul it or engage the services of a scuba diver for the job during cold water months. Engine and hull drag from bottom growth will be reduced and your in-water speed increased. No matter what the circumstances, get your boat hauled and the bottom painted at least once a year.

•Sherlock-Holmes your way around your boat every so often with screwdriver and wrench in hand. Vibration is a powerful adversary.

•Grease, grease, and grease again!

•Electrical wiring: run all shipboard wires neatly and accessible. Try to avoid devilishly difficult conduits which seem so easy. Don't use any one wire to handle many jobs; separate power lines for major appliances in your boat (i.e., VHF radio, graph recorders, Loran C, etc.) are more appropriate. Carry spare wire and connecting materials so as to make clean, neat connections. Don't rush and use "tape and twist techniques" that are ugly and unreliable. Used matched connectors and color code each unit.

•Graph Recorders: use an independent set of power and ground lines for this setup (most units come so equipped from the factory). Do not under any circumstances share power leads with any other electrical equipment on your vessel or else it will relay only poor readings. If your transducer cable won't reach to the desired installation spot, be sure to employ a 10' extension cable made and tuned by the unit's manufacturer. Every so often, clean the recorder according to the manufacturer's instructions. When using transom mounted transducers be sure to check and clean them frequently to ensure optimum performance.

•Center console aficionados should consider the option of a pilot house of either canvas or fiberglass. One undeniable fault of the center console is the harsh exposure to the elements one must endure. As a year-round angler I had to abandon this choice and find a compromise. I satisfied my needs with the help of Manning Boats in Islip, New York (see accompanying photo). The pilot house is weather tight and still allows for full freedom of movement inherent to the traditional center consoles. No wind, no rain, and walkaround style equals good fishing!

Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

The hottest news at Montauk remains the continued good codfishing mainly at Cartwright. Fish are responding mostly to bait but are starting to chase diamond jigs at times now. Aboard the **Viking Star** some big cod were landed, along with a sprinkling of pollack. Tuesday through Saturday the boat returned with anywhere from 6-10 cod in the 30s every trip, with fish averaging 5-10 lbs. Catches averaged 5-12 fish a man. Captain Paul Sr. with the **Viking Starship** still sailing out of Key West continues to do a job on mutton snappers fishing the east end of the Tortugas Banks.

The **Viking Starlite** has started an unusual schedule for this region, which is three-quarter day flounder, sailing daily at 11AM and returning t to the dock at 4PM, with all bait and tackle free, according to Captain Paul Forsberg, Jr.

Chris Schlecter of Reelers Fishing Club stopped in to The Fisherman office Monday morning and happily told us about his club's trip Saturday aboard the charter boat **King Wayne** which was the boat's first trip of the season. The club totalled 117 cod, mostly 3-5 lbers., but ranging up to 20 lbs., plus a lone 5 lb. blackfish. Dale Alexander was high hook with 17 cod including the 20 lb. pool fish. Catches averaged 10 fish a man and the club enjoyed calm seas only up to 2' with things getting ferocious on the trip back. Catches were all on clam at Cartwright.

Tuesday's charter for 2 anglers aboard the charter boat **Vivienne** scored with 76 cod, mostly on bait with some on jigs.

Captain Bud Dorman of the six man open boat **Waxed** call to say that due t the heavy weather this past week, he will start sailing Saturday, April 10th. See ad for details. We're also notified that Captain Fritz Hubner's charter boat **Mistress Two** has splashed in and Fritz is ready to take you fishing. See ad for details.

Captain George Potts sailed his first trip of the season aboard his **Blue Fin IV** to Cartwright with the charter hoisting 35 cod. Six were over 30 lbs. 20 between 20 and 30 lbs. and most of the rest between 10 and 20 lbs. They also had a 20 lb. pollack and one black. Most were taken on bait, but a few of the cod hit diamond jigs. The skipper says he still has a few days available for the spring cod and pollack.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Although it's beginning to sound redundant, this week's South Shore report is again dominated by the weather.

Once again, weather dominated this past week's fishing activity from one end of the Island to the other. Open boat skippers, liverymen and tackle shop owners all suffered at the hands of Mother Nature. Anglers of all walks were equally set back in their attempts to shake prolonged cases of the winter blahs. Nevertheless, here and there, the more hardy among us ventured forth to prove that flounder are there for the taking. In fact, fishing in some areas was top-notch despite the brutal weather.

MORICHES BAY

Everyone I spoke to in the Moriches area agreed that the weekend was a total loss. Gale force winds and Saturday's drenching rains effectively held frustrated skiff fishermen at bay. The only weekend report of any kind came from Jim Greene at **L&M**

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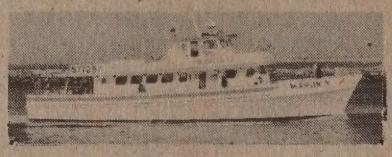

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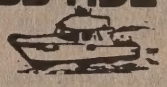

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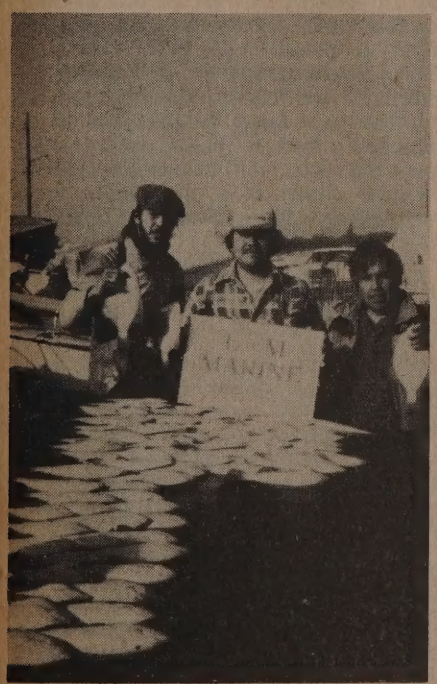
Marine who said that a couple of boats managed to put away some flatties in the shelter of the Quogue Canal. Both Gary at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** and Ben over at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** spoke of good action at buoy 42, Narrow Bay and Haven's Point during the week with many of the flatties in the 1-2 lb. range. Bruce Jonaitis and Ernie Bagnarco took one of Gary's skiffs at mid-week and finished up with 45 big flounder. The pair used worms and mussels and chummed with mussels. Fish are being taken on both tides.

GREAT SOUTH BAY

The excellent run of flounder which had developed in the eastern portion of the bay continued unabated through much of last week's wind and cold. In fact, Captain Rod Westerlind of the **Capt. Rod**, Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** and Capt. Carl Passero of the **Jib VI** of the Captree fleet, and Capt. Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee**, all agreed that despite the weather, last week witnessed the best fishing of the year. Wednesday and Friday were especially hot judging by the skippers' reports and even wet and windy Saturday produced great results.

Mike Kaminsky headed a party from Slater Electronics aboard the **Jib VI** on Saturday and went on to bag 25 nice flounder besides. On the same boat on Friday, "Doc" Joe Dagrosa and Pete Laraia totalled over 40 flatties to 2 lbs. between them. Captain Carl reminded that clams, mussels and worms are all provided



Eddie Rosario, Robert Rivera and Robert Casillas made this fine catch of flatties at buoys 52-54 after leaving from L&M Marine in East Moriches. They used mussels and mussel chum.

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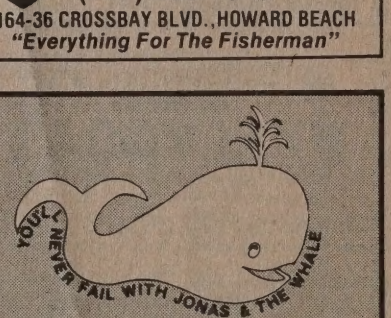

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A fine catch of flounder in the 1-2 lb. range made by Ernie Bagnasco and Bruce Jonaitis at buoy 42 in Moriches Bay. The pair used worms and mussels after leaving from Silly Lily Fishing Station.

free on the boat.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** and Captain Rod of the **Capt. Rod** both noted that the fish have begun working closer to port with buoys 4 and 2 near Heckscher beginning to produce good catches. Gordon spoke of catches of 20-30 fish a man on Friday. Fish are mixed sizes but fish up to 2¼ lbs. are still being taken.

There were some impressive scores made aboard the **Casey Lee** on Wednesday. Both Ruth Donato and Bill Stone loaded up with 3 dz. flounder apiece. Captain Neil said that while the best fishing is still to the east towards Sayville, fish are beginning to make a respectable showing between Bay Shore and Heckscher.

There were some private boatmen who managed to beat the odds. Sam Laebue and George Schiller needed just a couple of hours before Saturday's torrential downpour to take 34 flatties to 1½ lbs. off of Heckscher's buoy 4. Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait & Tackle**, who looked over the catch, said that either clam or mussel chum is a big plus. Both worms and clams lead in the bait department.

On Thursday, Robert Winter of the Bugaloo, checked in a mess of flounder at **Peppy's Bait & Tackle** in East Islip. They were taken in the Sayville area on worms and mussel chum. Bob's biggest fish of the day, a 2 lber., is the current leader in the shop's flounder derby. Irene also weighed a fine brook trout taken on opening day by teenager Paul Rodriguez of town. The 3 lb. speckie was taken in Bubbles Falls.

Before continuing with more flounder reports, now might be a good time to interject that trout got lots of play between Thursday's season opening and the weekend. The most impressive fishing by far was restricted to Connetquot River State Park where some anglers lost count of the number of trout they caught and released (there is a 3 fish limit in the park). Dave Canale, who stands watch over park activity from **J&R Sport**

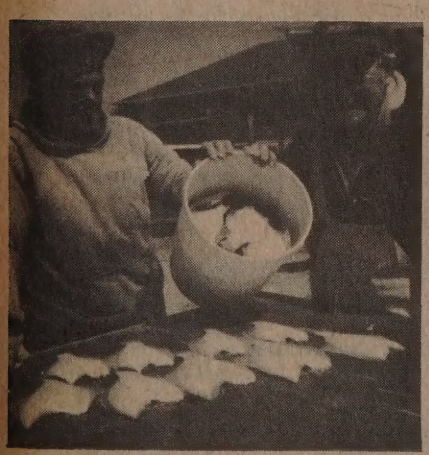
Center in Oakdale, spent a Saturday session in the park and counted over 50 trout for his efforts. Dave added that he tried nearly 20 different patterns of streamers, nymphs and flies and all took fish.

Getting back to flatfish, two groups of brave souls ventured out of **Sea Gull Marina** in Babylon on Saturday. Vinnie Harty, Bill Kelly and Larry Apel put away 42 keepers near W. Fox Creek, while Rob McCormick, Ray Schultz and Dave Parker pieced together two dozen fish near the Captree bridge. Both used worms and clam chum and heavily stirred the bottom.

Out of the nearby **Babylon Fishing Station**, Jimmy O'Shea sampled the fishing in the vicinity of the Babylon Head buoy on Thursday. He put away a handful of nice fish up to 1¾ lbs. before the wind chased him.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Flounder fishing in this area showed considerable improvement although much of the better action is still confined to the deeper holes. Jim Scarola of Copiague fished 3 days last week and averaged 30 flatties for each trip. He worked Massapequa Cove with clams and mussel chum on incoming water. Linda Miller, of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, who reported on Jim's activity also passed along news of good trout action in Babylon's Southard Pond. Gary of **Jonas Bait & Tackle** in Copiague filed the same report on Southard's Pond and offered Lou Scrohrmann as evidence of the good fishing. Lou showed 3 rainbows and 2 browns, all averaging 13" that he took opening day on Mepps spinners and night crawlers. Gary added that some early birds had limied out on bows and browns. Of the flounder, he spoke of the Squaw Island area where George Milles took 48 fish using bloodworms and no chum on Thursday.



John Provenzano and Phil Kily went home with plenty of flounder for the table after a day of flatfishing in Moriches Bay. Largest of the fish, all taken on worms and mussel chum, went 1¾ lbs. Photo courtesy of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.

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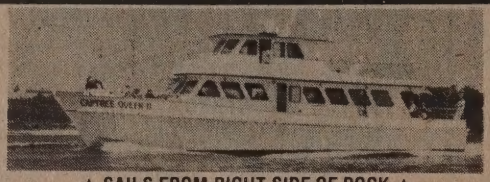

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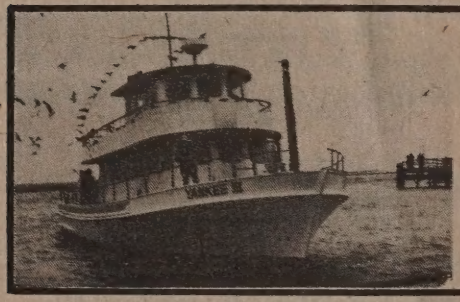

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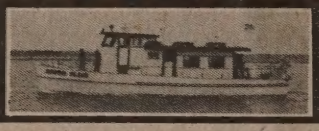

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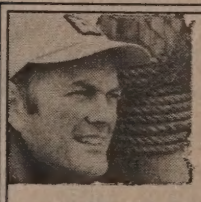

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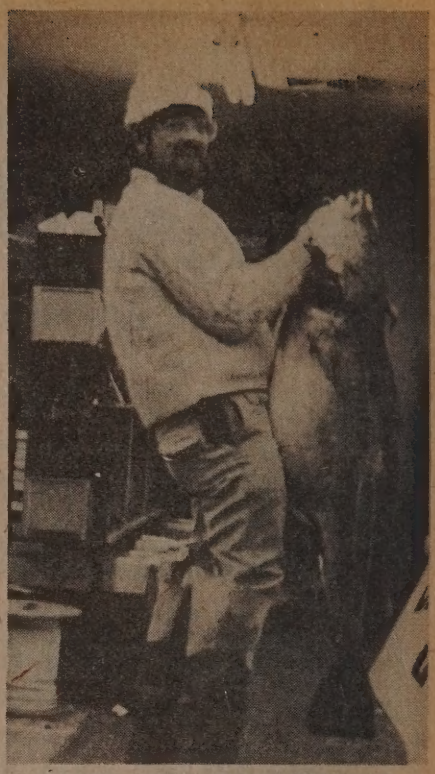

Sayville angler Gregg Maynard decked one of the 3 largest cod ever taken from a Long Island port on rod and reel when he brought this 73 lb. 6 oz. monster to gaff back in December. Gregg was aboard the Captree open boat "Speedy VI," anchored in 100' of water S.E. of Fire Island Inlet when the big cod happened along. The fish was officially weighed by "Rod" DiGiacomo at J&R Sport Center in Oakdale. Gregg, who is a member of the Patchogue Fishing Club, easily established a new club record with his once in a lifetime catch.

Over in Seaford, Massapequa Cove has witnessed the best of the flounder fishing up to this point and the area has not been without its exceptional scores. Among them was a catch of 111 flounder made during the week by John and James Grothia, Bob Jones, and Larry Lannes. They used clams and worms and topped the catch off with a 2½ lb. flattie. The group fished out of **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** in Seaford.

Charlie Welch checked in a catch of 48 flounder at **Lon Wansers Bait & Tackle** in the same town. His best was 1.11 lbs. Clams and heavy mussel chum were the key to his fishing which was done in the back bays of Freeport. Lon Wanser, who looked over the catch, dittoed reports of very good fishing in Massapequa Cove and added that the best flatfishing seems confined to the bay's north side.

While weather has kept most guys home in the barn, some boatmen have been taking fish at Merrick Pt. and in Ned's Creek. This courtesy of Scott at **Merrick Tackle** who reminded that Penn Reel rep., Chris Nolte will be

appearing at the store on Saturday, April 10, between 10AM and 4PM. He will be demonstrating the '82 line of Penn Reels and downriggers.

The only cod report filed in the course of these reports came from Jimmy Boulukos at **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick. It seems that Ed Bing, aboard his Bingo, worked a piece of open bottom in 100' of water S.E. of Jones Inlet on Friday and came away with a pair of big cod before the wind made fishing impossible. The fish were 42 and 38 lbs. respectively and Ed told Jimmy of dropping a couple of other big fish.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

Old Man Weather put the bite on the fishing activity this weekend with the bitter cold and driving winds that hit hard from the north/northwest. From Monday to Friday, good catches were made by various vessels and people, firmly establishing the fact that there are strong numbers of fish there to be caught and all that is needed is some warmer weather to bring out the people and allow more boats to sail. Aboard the two trip a day **Capt. Lou IV**, Captain Doug Aries has been having high hooks up to 25 flounder with catches of 8-25 fish a man on the days he could sail. On the **Capt. Lou III**, skipper Mike Dannon told of excellent catches during the week with Al Debekker of Freeport of NCPD, Marine #5 on Thursday scoring with 45 keeper flounder, while Dick Kawamota and pal Alex Brenner of the Bronx, totalled 64 keepers. Thirty-two was the score Thursday for Manny Paradiso. A few triples and loads of doubles were had. Bayside angler Charlie Martin on Friday had 51 keepers. Friday also saw Tom Irwin of Brooklyn with 54 flatties and regular Herb Schwartz of Long Beach with 45 keepers.

Seventy-five flounder to 1½ lbs. was the score in Swift Creek last Sunday for Bob Gallo, according to Larry at **Mako Marina**. A 2¾ lb. flattie was taken by Peter Drum, Jr. on Tuesday aboard the **Miss Freeport II**. The skipper told of good catches during the week, with Tuesday the best day, with 250 fish caught on worms, mussel and clam on both tides. The weekend was blown out.

Catches of 10-18 flounder a man was the average Monday through Friday, reported Captain Paul Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II**, working the inlet and back bay with mussel-worm combos for fish up to 1¾ lbs. The **Super Spray II** also had decent

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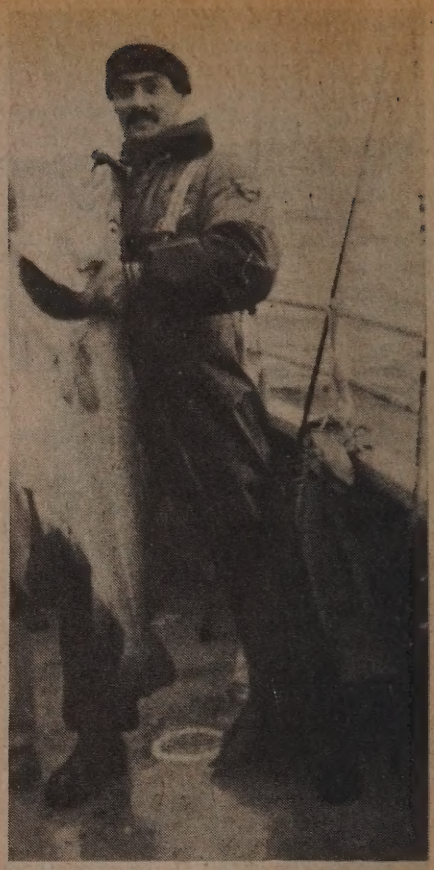

Robert Rojas hefts a handsome 55 lb. cod taken on a recent trip aboard the Freeport open boat, "Capt. Al."

catches, weather permitting and Captain Jim is looking forward to a break in this cold, windy weather pattern.

The **Capt. Al** worked Jones Inlet, back areas and Squaw Island during the Monday through Friday period and had good catches with many fish going to 2 lbs. over at Squaw. Worm and mussel was the ticket and Al says it looks as though the flounder fishing is going to be fast paced once the weather breaks.

The codfishing picture offshore continues strong. Aboard the **Blue Fin II** Saturday, a cod wreck trip produced over 50 cod and 8 blackfish. The cod were mostly small, but a few ran in the 15-20 lb. range. The blacks topped out at 9 lbs. 7 oz. Fishing was all on bait, said the skipper and he also confirmed the fact that since it was raining when the fish were caught, they got wet as soon as they were lifted from the water. High hook was 10 cod.

Aboard Capt. Richie's **Starstream II** the codfishing remains solid. Joe Martin of Ossining, New York on Friday hoisted a 38 lber. and 15 other cod. Over 100 fish were caught on the regular daily trips in the 5-15 lb. range. Saturday's offshore cod and pollack wreck trip saw Mario Torres of the Bronx grab the pool with a 51 lber. Mario also took high hook honors with 14 cod. Fish were mixed sizes and catches averaged 8 cod a man. Tuesday's biggest fish was a 62 lber.

for Stan Radin of Westwood, New Jersey, but this fish was not in the pool. Two 52 lbers. tied for the pool for Joe Peragine of Queens and Jack Atwell of Freeport. The pollack pool was won with a 33 lber. for Lou Banano of Massapequa.

The latest grandfather amongst us now is Captain Arnold of the Freeport charter boat **Shalidon** who has just been given a grandson by his daughter and her husband. The lad's name is Jamie and he has already been signed on as future first mate.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports customers had good catches early in the week at buoys 16 and 18 and at the deep holes in the flats for fish up to 2 lbs. on worm and clam bait and lots of chum. Then the winds came.

Captain Billy Lindroth, now sailing the **Capt. Bill** out of Point Lookout Marina, had good flounder catches during the week in Baldwin Bay on mussels. Twenty-eight flounder were the score for Carmine Cesarano. Dave Makowski had 21 flatties, while Joe Torriero had 21.

REYNOLD'S CHANNEL

Seventy cod up to 20 lbs. filled the box for Ron Onorato and George Oliver in their 22' Boston Whaler Outrage Saturday fishing over a wreck in 120' of water, reports Jack of **Arthur Street Fishing Station.** The catch was on clam. As for flounder, some were caught early in the week in Middle Bay off BOCES and in Scow Creek on worms, mussel and a lot of chum.

Long Beach Sports Marina passed the word along that Brian Kearon and Bob Haramis of Hewlett had 42 flounder to 1½ lbs. fishing behind Duck Point on Wednesday on bloods and mussels and heavy chum. The railroad trestle and Cedarhurst Yacht Club were also good during the week. The Magnolia Pier and Pt. Lookout town pier also had some fish. Glen Peruche had 13 flounder off the Pt. Lookout Pier, while Tom Connolly of Baldwin had 16 flounder to 2 lbs. fishing from the surf at Malibu with sand worms.

The **Commodore** out of Island Park confirms that weather was the problem on the weekend, but that Thursday was good in the morning before the wind picked up. It was too windy to fish the really good pieces. Some decent fishing was had during the week at buoy 8 in Jones Inlet at slack. The skipper says that with some good weather the fishing should be excellent.

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook advised us that the best catch he has seen for the week was made by Fred Knoblach and Andrew and Len Oppenheimer, all of Atlantic Anglers. They fished Duck Point on bloods and mussel chum and weighed in 12 flatties between 1 and 1½ lbs.,

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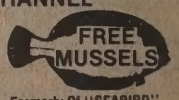

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despite the lousy weather. The fish are there, says Charlie, no doubt about it.

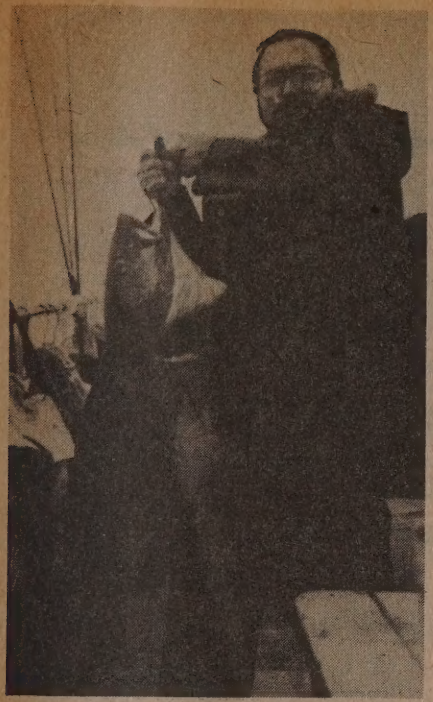
The oyster beds, Hog Channel and Swift Creek in Bay Park have been the strong producers during this crazy week, says Skippy of **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway, with fish now even larger in size, with mussels and sand worms working best. Garrett's Lead has also been good. Fish were caught even during the miserable weather and with a decent day, you should score very high. Both tides have been working.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Super catches of flounder were had Wednesday, said Capt. Tom of the **Elsie K III** with fares catching well into the thirties. Tuesday saw very good catches also, with high hook being 30 fish. Good days saw good catches with fish up to 2 lbs., working Sandy Hook bay, Staten Island and Bellford Flats. Mussels have been working best on both tides. The skipper advises that if you want flounder and the weather is okay, he will guarantee good catches.

Also talking of very good flounder fishing every day except Sunday was Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** working Sandy Hook Bay and up the river at the turn of the tide. Fish are decent size, up to 2 lbs. and fares are averaging 30-35 flatties per man every day. Even Saturday half a 5-gallon pail a person was normal, with even novices catching well. On Wednesday, Bill Thompson and son had 105 fish and on Thursday, Jimmy Kochkee had 43 flatties up to 2 lbs. 1 oz. on worm and mussel.

Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III**



Dr. David Blank displays the 40 lb. cod he took back in December on the Freeport open boat, "Capt. Al."

says that his catches Saturday on the flounder were fare despite the rain and wind, and those who stayed at the rail caught into the 30s. He's working the Navesink River and will be sailing every day as of Good Friday.

STATEN ISLAND

Kevin at **Santos Sport Shop** says the big thing in his area remains flounder at Great Kills park, fish 3/4 to 1 lb., with worms working best. Best results have been on incoming. There are a few fish being taken at the piers also.

North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

Strong winds kept weekend fishing below par, but party boats in the western Sound still had their innings on flounder. Inshore anglers were confined to shorelines and harbors. Fish to ¾ pound were the rule.

Around New Rochelle, Hudson Park and Glen Island in Mamaroneck were producing up to 10-12 flatfish per tide, according to John Palmieri at **John's Gun and Tackle**. Bass activity in the Hudson is expected any day now.

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's** on City Island spoke of lots of flounder in local bays and said that many of the open boats were doing well by running up to Oyster Bay. "Fish are there, the boats are ready, and all we need is

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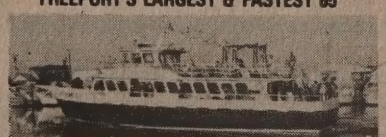

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weather," said Rumpf. Jack's will only be open in the morning on Easter Sunday. City Island party craft reporting this week included the **Apache** and the **Ebb Tide III**. Dom Cerbone on the former had a very good day on Sunday although coming home against the westerlies was a real job. Weekend crowds of some 25 people averaged 15-25 fish from ½ to ¾ lb. Cerbone went up into Northport and Huntington in order to fish in semi-sheltered bays where it was "breezy, but nice." Ed Heilemann took the Ebb Tide up to Oyster Bay with similarly sized weekend crowds. Capt. Ed reported that fishing was good all week. High Hook on Sunday was 60 fish, all keepers ranging from ½ to 1¾ lbs. The boat made only one drop all day. They fished both tides, including the slack tide.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** saw some flounder "here and there," according to Dave Watt, but no private boats ventured outside. Watt will not be open on Easter Sunday. Joe Fink reported that the **Lady Lil II** went up to Matinnecock Point for a productive half day on Saturday, with flounder catches up to 20 fish and virtually no throwbacks. Sandworms proved best, and the largest fish was an outsized 1¾ pounder.

There are still some bass around Crab and Lilco for those who fish bait at night and rebels and small bucktails in mornings and evenings, according to George Valentine at the

Light-tackle enthusiast, Jerry Hyde of Hicksville, shows his best work of the 1981 season. It was taken in Long Island Sound and tipped the scales at 14 lbs. 8 oz. Subscriber photo.

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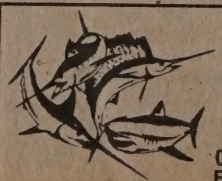

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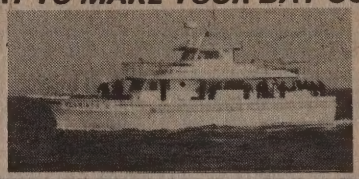

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Four Winds. Bay flounder fishermen are concentrating in Lloyd's Harbor, Target Rock, and Huntington Bay where fish tend to be small with a few keepers scattered among them. Four Winds will be closed on Easter but **Huntington Prop** will not be. Bob Cedar at the latter station was selling mostly worms and clams and waiting for fishermen to get a break and go outside. Nick Manzeri on the **Speedy VII** found a lot of fish for customers along Crescent Beach, the Oyster Lots, and Sand City, and had good action in Huntington Bay. There was one unusual 2 lb. flattie mixed with the ½ to ¾ lb. stuff and catches to 30 and 45 fish per angler were registered on sandworms and mussels..

Angleo Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jeferson said that Setauket Harbor, sheltered from the north wind, was a good spot, although going up there on the against the blow was tough. Mussels and worms were producing 35-40 fish per boat with outgoing water best. One rental boat and 3 private boats forced their way out on Sunday. Henry Olsen was babysitting on the **Captain Hank** last weekend, but hopes to get out over the Easter weekend. John Fisher felt that he was lucky to get the **Aqua Gem** out at all on Saturday, and he didn't force it against Sunday's norther. Bernie Goldblatt of Smithtown won the pool on the Aqua Gem with a 1¾ pounder, and Saturday's catches were 20 per angler by noon.

Dick Brown at **Dick's** in Mt. sinai has seen a few shore fishermen despite the weather, while Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** suggests that serious boat fishermen hold off for a while on the flounder in deeper local waters. Both shops have bait and plan to be open for Easter.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

The Sound is still quiet, but flounder action on the Peconic Bays has broken out all the way from Flanders Bay to East Marion. When anglers can reach them, some groups of flatties run 1½ to 1¾ pounds.

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in Aquebogue said the fish around Indian Island were ¾ pounds and up and that there were also some creekfish in the Sound tributaries. Red Cedar and Simmons were yielding flatties on blood and sandworms with mussel

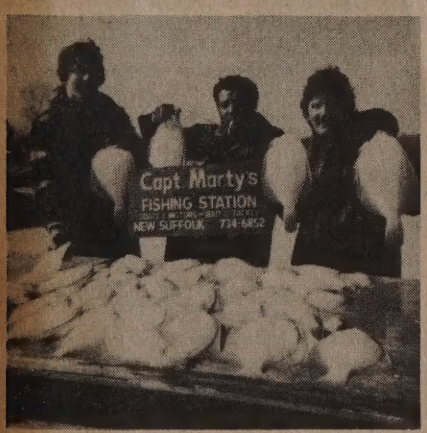
chum obligatory.

One piece of welcome news was that draggers seem to have left the Bay last week. The zone east of Robins had good action to report. Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** had six boats out this week with 30 and 40 fish catches common until Saturday when a brutal southeaster forced anglers off the water around noon. Catches Saturday were down around 20. Best fishing was off Rose's Grove and the Sand Slide area, with the best catch of the week registered by Jerry Commando and Anthony Madieri, who scored with 93 fish to 2 lbs. Mussels and worms were the key.

The **Port of Egypt** sent a couple of boats east to fish the Gull pond area on Saturday, and the outgoing tide produced some 50 fish there. Ace Cottral also mentioned catches of 18 fish from the Windmills and on catch of 20 on Friday from East Marion in which 1½ to 1¾ lb. fish predominated. Two boats working Rose's had 15-20 fish to 1½ lbs.

Art White is well stocked with bait now and booking anglers aboard the Greenport boats. White told us that the open boats were out on Saturday and did quite well. Dave Brennan took the **Peconic Star** up to the Oyster Factory on Saturday and stumbled into some decent fish to the east. Brennan said that all the flatfish were Peconic keepers with 20 fish over 1½ lbs. Catches per angler ranged from about 4 to 20. Dave also remarked taht George Porter had an excellent stop on Saturday with a high hook of 30 on the **Brand X**. Neither boat will be sailing on Easter Sunday.

Jerry McGrath did not get the **Nostalgia II** out of Mattituck Inlet lats weekend, but he heard of some flounder off Shoreham already. He expects to sail on Saturday and on Sunday morning, however, and suggests that April 15-April 20 is the period when the large Sound flounder seem to come alive.



Dominick DeRanieri, Jim Brissey and Neftali Alicea, all from Queens, display some of the 58 flounder up to 2½ lbs. that they took on mussels south of Nassau Point near Rose's Grove. The trio fished out of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station in New Suffolk.

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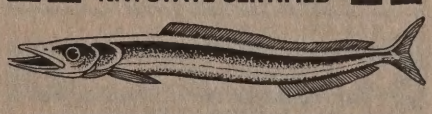

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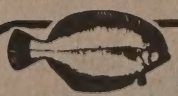

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South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

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Needless to say the low temperatures and strong winds took their toll on this area on the weekend, but during the week some decent catches were made, indicating that the fish are there. Tuesday saw decent catches of flounder caught aboard the **Wilhelric II** which was working the Greenport breakwater. On Wednesday, Jack Gleason and two pals from Massapequa had a good day, with Jack taking 20 flatties himself. Warren Kuhler was high hook with 34 fish. Catches ran from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. On Friday the boat fished behind the bar at Jessup's on the ebb followed by action on the flood at the Greenport breakwater. Joel and 6-yr-old Matt Weber took 45 flounder between them. Matt had just reached the ripe old age of six years. The skipper says the catches have been on mussels and worms and that the boat won't sail on Easter Sunday.

Over at **Noyac Marina**, one regular customer on Wednesday accounted for 20 flounder in the 1½ lb. range working Jessup's with bloodworms and clam chum at low tide.

Mickey Altenkirch, head man at **Altenkirch Tackle** on Shinnecock Canal relates the message that son Hank, just back from Panama set a possible IGFA record with a 90¼ lb. sailfish on 4 lb. test. Papers and sample of line have been submitted. The flounder action in Shinnecock Canal continues to be lively with anglers catching flatties from 3/4 to 1 lb., mostly on sandworms, any time the locks are closed.

Speck's Bait & Tackle confirms that the Canal is steadily producing for shore casters. The north side of Shinnecock Bay at the channels has also been producing flounder on worm and clam bait. Tom also tells us that fishing Promised Land, Walter Bohnnenberger and 13-year-old Dan Cahill had 12 big flounder, two of which hit 2 lbs. 13 oz. and 2 lbs. 14 oz. Walt said that one boat fishing in the same area had 40 keepers.

Please note that the **Capt. Clark II** had advised that he will start sailing for the season on Good Friday, April 9th and that he anticipates a good start to the season, once spring really arrives.

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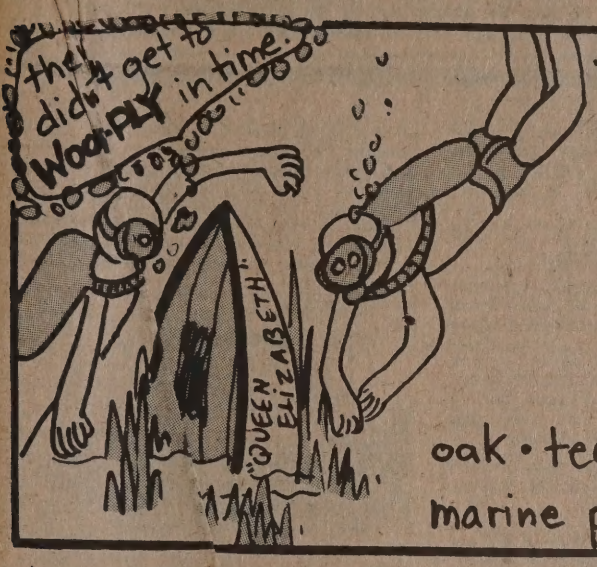

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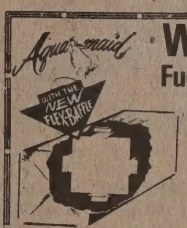

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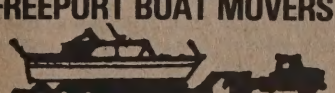

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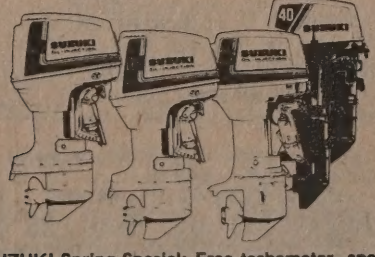

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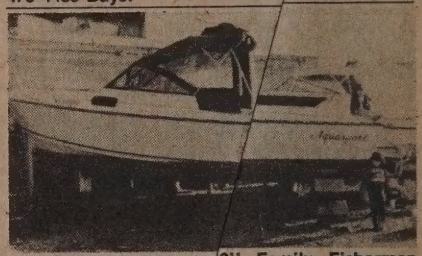

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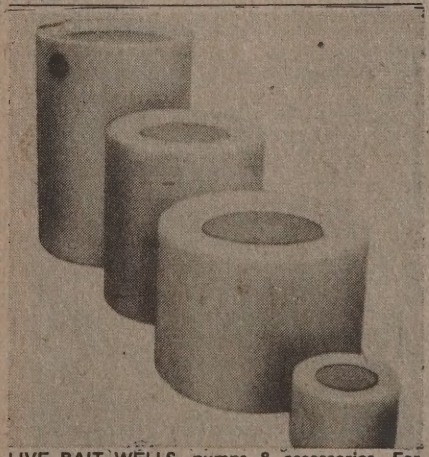

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How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	7:40	8:05	8:35	8:55	8:25	8:45	9:20	9:35	11:50	–	11:15	11:30	7:35	7:50	4/8
FRI.	8:20	8:40	9:15	9:30	9:05	9:20	10:00	10:10	12:00	12:30	11:55	–	8:15	8:30	4/9
SAT.	8:55	9:20	9:55	10:10	9:45	10:05	10:40	10:55	12:35	1:00	12:10	12:35	8:55	9;10	4/10
SUN.	9:35	9:55	10:35	10:45	10:25	10:40	11:20	11:35	1:00	1:30	12:50	1:15	9:35	9:55	4/11
MON.	10:15	10:35	11:10	11:25	11:10	11:20	–	12:05	1:20	1:55	1:25	1:55	10:15	10:35	4/12
TUE.	10:55	11:15	11:55	–	11:50	–	12:15	12:50	1:55	2:30	2:10	2:35	11:00	11:20	4/13
WED.	11:40	–	12:10	12:45	12:00	12:35	1:05	1:45	2:35	3:10	2:50	3:25	11:50	–	4/14
THUR.	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:40	12:40	1:25	1:55	2:45	3:20	4:00	3:40	4:15	12:15	12:50	4/15

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

4/9	5:30	6:34
4/10	5:28	6:35
4/11	5:27	6:36
4/12	5:25	6:37
4/13	5:23	6:38
4/14	5:22	6:39
4/15	5:20	6:40

Moonrise/Moonset

4/9	7:49 PM	6:24AM
4/10	8:35 PM	6:52AM
4/11	9:49 PM	7:23AM
4/12	10:47 PM	7:56AM
4/13	11:42 PM	8:34AM
4/14	–	9:17AM
4/15	12:34AM	10:05AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
4/23	4/1	4/8	4/16

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	4:40	10:45	4:55	11:05
Fri.	5:20	11:30	5:40	11:55
Sat.	6:10	—	6:35	12:20
Sun.	6:55	12:45	7:25	1:10
Mon.	7:45	1:35	8:15	2:00
Tues.	8:35	2:25	9:05	2:50
Wed.	9:25	3:15	9:55	3:40
Thurs.	10:20	4:10	10:50	4:35

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